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Cabinet may fall Italian minister offers to quit

ROME, May 23 (Agencies) — Italian leaders were uneasily maneuvering Saturday to prevent the collapse of the government only a month before administrative elections, as a scandal involving top political, financial and security figures continued to mushroom.

Justice Minister Adolfo Sarti offered his resignation to Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani as his name was linked to a Masonic Lodge that prosecutors are investigating as a possible "criminal association". The widening scandal has led to the arrest of a former colonel in the Italian secret service and raises a threat to Premier Forlani's seven-month-old coalition government.

Two other cabinet members Labor Minister Franco Foschi and Foreign Trade Minister Enrico Manca, are believed to have offered to resign.

The names of top politicians, businessmen, publishers, diplomats and military officers were on a list of 953 members of the P2 Lodge which Forlani released to the press two days ago under pressure by parliament.

Sarti who has helped direct Italy's battle against terrorism, was not named on the list but was reported to be a candidate in documents found in the home of the Lodge's "grand master."

Sarti in a letter to Forlani denied he had made any attempt to join the Lodge, but said he was forced to leave the government because his name had been tainted in a "slandering campaign."

The Italian constitution prohibits secret associations and if the P2 Lodge were in fact secret, membership in it would be outlawed.

Magistrate Domenico Sicci issued arrest warrants for Licio Gelli, fugitive grand master of the P2 Lodge, and Col. Antonio Vizzzer, a former official of the internal security division of the Secret Service (SID). Police said later Col. Vizzzer had already been taken into custody.

Forlani Friday ordered publication of a list of 963 members of the P2 Lodge, found in the home of Licio Gelli, a former honorary consul for Argentina who fled abroad during investigations into his role in a fraud scandal last year. Officials said the charges against the two men related to article 257 of the Italian Penal Code which punishes political or military espionage with a 15-year prison sentence.

It was not officially revealed whether the charges against Gelli were related to the fraud, which is said to have cost the state some \$2 billion in lost revenues over 10 years. The deception is said to have involved the description of petrol as heating oil in customs documents. Heating oil carries a lower tax rate.

Publication of the list of members of the P2 Lodge will probably lead to a cabinet reshuffle and could threaten the stability of Forlani's four-party coalition government, parliamentary sources said. The Communist Party has already called for the government's resignation.

The list included two cabinet ministers, 30 members of parliament, the leader of a government party, the chief of the defense staff and heads of the secret service. Masonry is legal in Italy but secret societies are banned and constitutional questions have been raised over whether "covert" lodges like the P2 count as secret societies.

Many of those named on the list have denied connection with the Masons, but the government has promised to publish further evidence that the list is genuine.

Col. Vizzzer worked closely with Gen. Maletti before the secret service was reorganized in 1977 after a series of scandals, justice ministry sources said. Also named were Michel Sindona, who is serving a 25-year prison sentence in the United States in connection with the collapse of his banking empire, and Roberto Calmi and Carlo Bonomi, two Milan financiers arrested this week for fraud.

June 14, 21 set for French National Assembly elections

PARIS, May 23 (Agencies) — President Francois Mitterrand, seeking a parliamentary majority to bring in sweeping reforms, Saturday set June 14 and 21 as dates for elections to the French National Assembly. As widely



ON GUARD: Spanish national police crouch behind their cars in a deserted Catalonia Square in Barcelona and keep an eye on the main branch of the central bank where gunmen are holding several hundred hostages.

Japan wants U.S. to clarify on bombs

TOKYO, May 23 (Agencies) — Under pressure from opposition parties, the Japanese government, which insists that U.S. nuclear weapons never enter Japan, has asked the United States officially about indications atomic warheads may have been stored on a U.S. base here, a foreign ministry spokesman said Saturday.

It was the first time Japan has made an official query about the reported presence of U.S. nuclear weapons since a political furor erupted two weeks ago. The government insists that the United States always has observed Japanese prohibitions against the presence in Japan or movement through Japanese territory of any nuclear weapons, despite statements by former U.S. officials that U.S. navy ships carrying such weapons often call at Japanese ports.

On Friday, the government vehemently rejected the claim of a U.S. diplomat that the U.S. Navy had stored atomic bombs aboard a small ship anchored just offshore near Hiroshima 20 years ago. The foreign ministry spokesman said the U.S. embassy had been asked about a sign warning of possible nuclear accidents that still is posted at a former American ammunition dump on Kyushu, Japan's southernmost main island. A picture of the sign was shown in the Diet (parliament) by a Communist Dietman Friday, with the accusation that it proves atomic weapons

were once stored there.

The spokesman said the foreign ministry had not yet asked about charges by another opposition member of parliament that an atomic weapon was taken to the U.S. Air Force base at Kadena, near Tokyo, for repair and maintenance in 1975. The parliamentarian claimed to be in possession of a maintenance report on the weapon. Other opposition members who claimed to have "reasonable information" that atomic warheads once were stored at the U.S. Navy base at Yokosuka, just outside Tokyo, and Apia, near Hiroshima, offered no evidence, the ministry spokesman said, and therefore the Americans will be asked about them.

New pressure on the burgeoning nuclear issue also came from regional officials, Kyodo News Service reported. It said the governors of Okinawa and Hiroshima prefectures (states) had demanded investigation of the claims of nuclear weapons being kept in Japan. According to the agency, Okinawa Governor Junji Nishima told a news conference in Naha, capital of the island, which has a large American military establishment, that he was shocked by the allegations by former U.S. Ambassador Reichauer and other former U.S. officials that nuclear weapons for years have been routinely carried into Japanese ports and through its waters aboard American naval ships.

Bui Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki refused comment and referred the allegations to the foreign ministry. Nuclear weapons on Japanese soil would be contrary to the U.S.-Japan security treaty, and the Japanese government's policy against production, possession and introduction of nuclear weapons in Japan. The 1960 treaty provided that any major change in the armaments of the U.S. forces in Japan is subject to prior consultation between the two governments.

Sarkis' palace hit

Habib back in Israel as shelling continues

TEL AVIV, May 23 (AP) — U.S. Envoy Philip C. Habib brought his crisis-mediation effort back to Israel unexpectedly Saturday after a day of shelling while he was in Beirut during his attempt to cool tension between Israel and Syria.

Israel radio said it was possible that Habib might meet Prime Minister Menahem Begin later Saturday after the end of the Jewish Sabbath. Such a meeting would put begin up to date on all developments before the regular Sunday Israeli Lebanon for Lebanon Friday.

When Habib left Israel for Lebanon Friday it was thought he would stop in Damascus, though on firm plan to visit the Syrian capital was set. Syria, however, had said there was no point in his trip if he had nothing new to

expect.

Syria, meanwhile, received pledge of

support from the Arab League foreign ministers' conference in Tunisia. And in Washington, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr.

rejected a Soviet call for an international conference on Lebanon, and he said the United States has hopes for a peaceful solution as long as Habib remains in the region.

Habib flew out of Beirut as Lebanese Pres-

ident Elias Sarkis was in a basement shelter at the presidential palace trying to arrange a ceasefire between Syrian and Christian militia forces in the capital.

Shelling from artillery, rockets and tanks roared across the two parts of the Lebanese capital. Lebanese police said at least two shells hit Sarkis' palace, and at least one shell exploded only 60 yards from U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean's residence where Habib spent the night.

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For Jubail complex**SABIC signs final pacts**

RIYADH, May 23 — Final agreements were signed Saturday between the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and a Japanese consortium led by the Mitsubishi group of companies for the formation of the Eastern petrochemical Company "Sharg", a jointly-owned venture which will undertake the construction and operation of a petrochemical complex at Jubail, according to a SABIC press statement.

The agreements were signed by Dr. Ghazi A. Alqasabi, the minister of industry and electricity and chairman of SABIC's board of directors, and by Keizaburo Yamada, president of the Japanese consortium (SPDC).

Under joint-ownership agreement with the Arabian Petrochemical Company (Petrokemya, a SABIC-Dow joint venture), Sharg will receive the ethylene needed to produce 130,000 metric tons per annum (MTPA) of linear low-density polyethylene and 300,000 MTPA of ethylene glycol. In exchange and under similar agreement, Sharg will supply Petrokemya with 150,000 MTPA of ethylene glycol.

Total cost of the project is expected to be about SR5 billion (1.5 billion dollars). The petrochemical complex will be on stream by mid 1985. When fully operational, the complex will require 460 employees.

This project represents the largest single undertaking between Saudi Arabia and Japan as a result of the technical and commercial cooperation between the two countries. Furthermore, this project is the final project to be implemented by SABIC under the Kingdom's first phase of industrial plans in the fields of petrochemicals, iron and steel and fertilizers which have been entrusted to SABIC for implementation.

On Wednesday, SABIC and Dow Chemical of the United States signed an estimated \$1.3 billion agreement to establish a petrochemical complex in the industrial city of Jubail. The complex, considered the most important of the 10 projects being carried out by SABIC and international firms, will produce polyethylene and ethylene.

Production of the SABIC-Dow complex will begin in mid-1985.



JURISPRUDENCE: Islamic experts met in Jeddah Saturday to plan the proposed Islamic jurisprudence complex and prepare its articles of association. Delegates represented the Kingdom, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Morocco, Syria, the U.A.E., Tunis and Kuwait. The complex was proposed by the third Islamic summit conference which met in Makkah last year. It will provide interpretations and knowledge to the Islamic world on various issues.

Underqiri returns from talks

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Dr. Yassin Saleh Underqiri, assistant deputy labor and social affairs minister, returned here Saturday from Cyprus where he led the Kingdom's delegation to a conference on immigration to the Arab world.

The conference, organized by the United Nations' Economic Committee for West Asia, was concluded in Nicosia Sunday. The week-long conference discussed 35 research related to manpower immigration to the Arab world and the political, economic and

social dimensions of this issue, Dr. Underqiri said.

He added that there was unanimous agreement on organizing the labor immigration to the Arab region under an agreement to be ratified by the states of the region. The participants in the conference also agreed on giving greater care to improve workers' levels in both labor exporting and importing countries, and conduct more research and studies in this effect, Dr. Underqiri said.

BRIEFS

Nazer returns
RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer returned here from London Saturday after addressing the Arab Bankers' Association about the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan. He said the plan included development projects in agriculture and industry as well as for urban and rural development. Some of the plans have already been implemented according to plan, he said.

Ruhaimah funds allocated
RUMAIYAH, May 23 (SPA) — Ruhaimah Municipality allocated funds for several construction and service projects in its current budget, according to the mayor. Ahmad Al-Thumairi said Saturday that these projects include asphalt paving and illuminating streets in Ruhaimah and nearby areas. The project costs SR13 million, he added. The budget also comprises funds for building gardens and public parks, model markets, maintenance and illumination of streets and cleaning of Ruhaimah, he added.

Mosque contracts signed
MAKKAH, May 23 (SPA) — Deputy Pil-

grimage and Endowments Minister Amin Aqeel Attas signed SR9.7 million contracts for building 14 mosques in Medina, Taif and Abha Saturday, according to ministry officials. This project come under the ministry's care to boost the religious movement.

Students end activities

DAMMAM, May 23 (SPA) — King Faisal University's Architecture and Planning Faculty held a ceremony marking the end of students' activities for the academic year 1980-81. The function was organized by the faculty's Social Committee and comprised a plastic arts exhibition. Dr. Muhammad Turki Al-Turki, KFU undersecretary and dean of the architecture and planning faculty, attended the ceremony.

Peace mission to meet

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, Organization of the Islamic Conference secretary general, said Saturday that the Islamic Goodwill Mission set-up at the third Islamic Summit of Taif to end the war between Iraq and Iran will meet in the next few days.



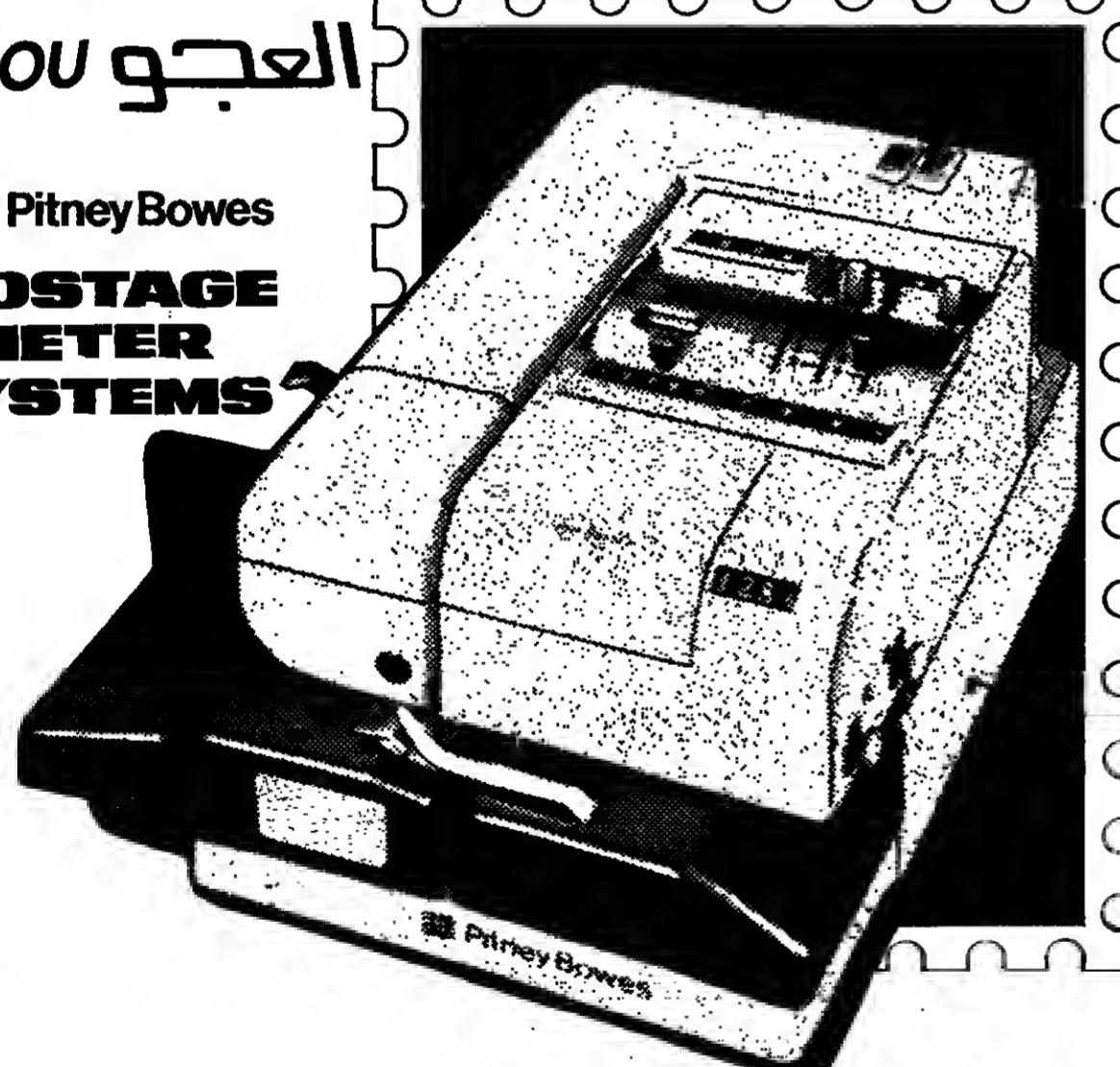
RETURN: Chinese Communications Minister Lin Chin-seng Lin (right) returned to Taipei May 19 after a 10-day visit to Saudi Arabia. He was greeted by Saudi Arabian Ambassador Gen. Asaad Abdul Aziz Al-Zuhair at the Chiang Kai-Shek International Airport.

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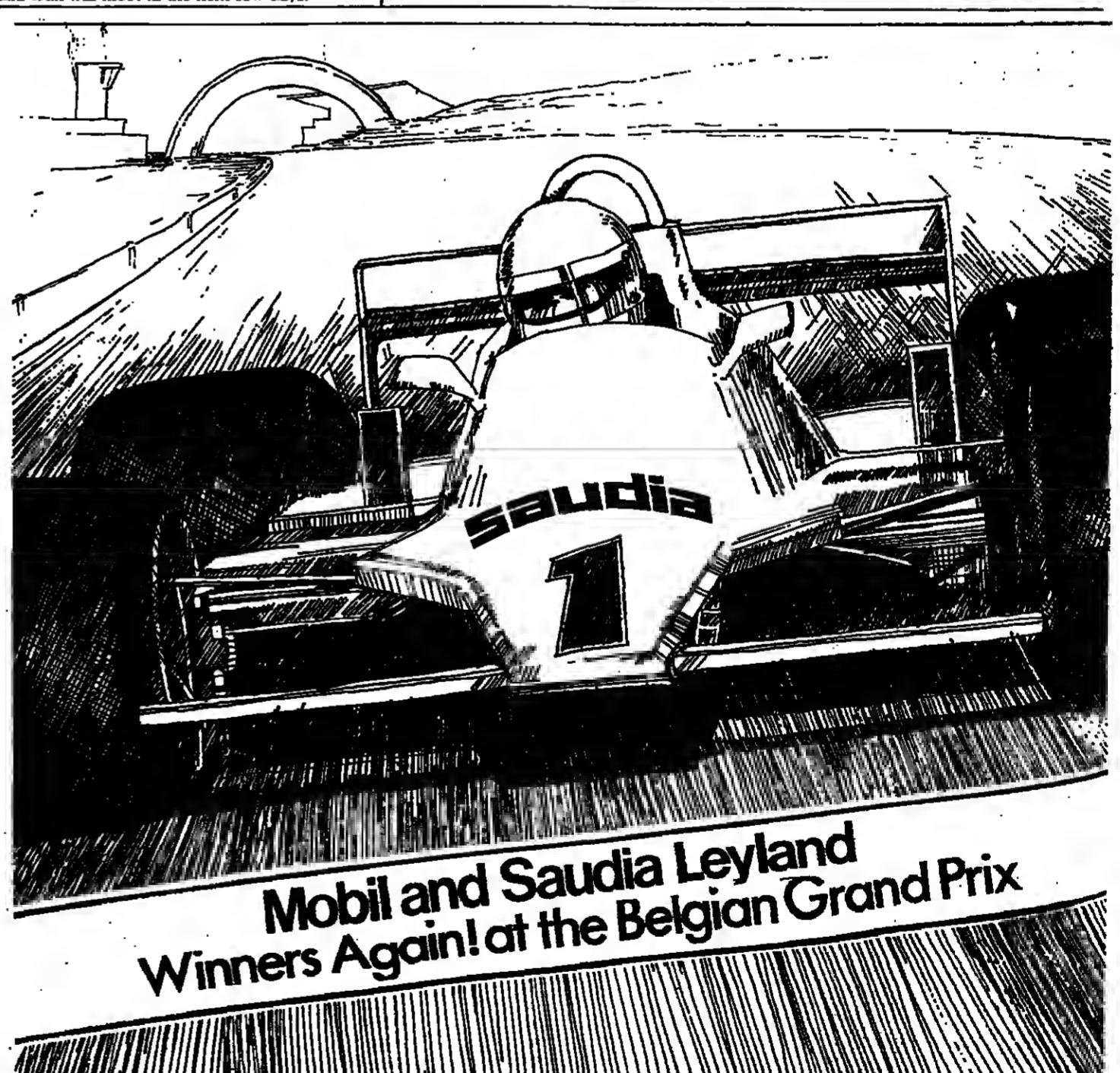
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PLO considers Kingdom a confrontation state

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization considers the Kingdom a confrontation state (against Israel) because of its effective contribution in supporting the struggle on various political, military and economic levels, according to Palestinian officials.

Illegal aliens pay stiff fines

RIYADH, May 23 — Illegal immigrants who overstayed their visit and their errant visitors have had to pay up SR 3,700,000 in during the last two years, according to Mattar Al Mutairi, director of the department dealing with them.

Mutairi told *Al Riyad* Saturday that his department maintained its vigilance according to the instructions of the Interior Ministry gave the fines to the Social Insurance Fund. The amount does not include fines levied by the committee in charge of expatriate workers who are truant.

The ministry has continued its campaign to arrest and deport illegal immigrants and to fine or imprison them and their local sponsors who are found guilty of "coercing" them against the regulations. Foreigners found guilty of "coercing" other foreigners are also deported at once.

Mutairi appealed to the people to cooperate with his department and the ministry by respecting the laws and reiterated the government's determination to punish wrongdoers severely.

Exhibition to be held

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Monday evening will dedicate the general school activities exhibition of Girls Educational Schools in Riyadh at the 29th Intermediate School of Al-Murabba. The exhibition will cover household activities, dress-making and embroidery as well as various arts and handicraft work.

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Khaled Al-Hassan, member of Fatah Central Committee, said in an interview with *Al Riyad* Saturday that the creation of a Palestinian state would mean ending the idea of "greater Israel," Israeli expansionism and halting Zionist immigration to Palestine.

He referred to Israel's aggression against Lebanon and said that these attacks are aimed at liquidating the Palestine revolution and people, so that it will not have to deal with Palestinians. "Israel aims at dealing with the Arab countries and, hence the conflict becomes a question of borders and not existence," Hassao was quoted as saying.

Israeli actions against Lebanon also aim at expansion in south Lebanon to reach the Litani river, secure water for improving agriculture and accommodating more immigrants and strengthen its military power to achieve the idea of greater Israel, he said.

Discussing another subject, Hassao said the PLO supports the Gulf Cooperation Council "because any Arab cooperation results in more power." He expressed hope that the council will achieve its objectives in order that the people might benefit.

He called for Arab and Islamic solidarity to protect the Palestinian revolution, strengthen its forward momentum and take part in the field struggle. The Palestinian official urged drawing up of a collective strategy for all work relations and all Muslims in the framework of the Arab and Islamic summits.

PLO Representative to the Kingdom Rafiq Natsha has said recently that the Kingdom has given the Palestine Liberation Organization additional financial aid to help it stand up to Zionist aggression in south Lebanon. He said the extra aid was "practical affirmation of the Saudi Arabian policy of support for the Palestinian revolution at the financial and military levels."

Such aid has been rising ever since the revolution started in 1965. He hoped that other Arab states will honor their commitments to the PLO to help the Palestinians in facing single-handed the Israeli army which was formed to fight all the Arab armies combined.

Crafts show to open

HASNA, May 23 (SPA) — Hasna Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd Al-Jilwi will open the annual exhibition of the Tailoring and Dress-Making Center Sunday. He also will open another show, the House Wives Cultural Session Exhibition also organized by the center, on the same day.

The tailor exhibition, to be held in the center's premises in Mubraz, will display handicrafts, designing, tailoring and technical education. The four-day exhibition will be open to men on the first day only.



ANXIOUS MOMENT: A tense moment during the Youth Welfare Presidency Cup Basketball final as the Ahli players try to tip the ball away from the Ohood players during play in Riyadh Friday. Ohood won 48/43 and 100/88 in both halves.

Ohood wins basketball tourney

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Ohood basketball team Friday won the Youth Welfare Presidency Cup after beating Al-Ahli at the Youth Welfare Stadium, Deryah. Results at the end of half-time play was 48-43, and played even with the score at 100-88, in favor of Ohood.

Prince Talal ibn Saud, chairman of the Saudi Arabian Basketball Federation, gave the cup, gold medals and a SR 20,000 check to Ohood team and silver medals and a SR 15,000 check to Al-Ahli team. He also gave the cup of the super basketball league at youth level to Al-Shabab team along with

gold medals and a SR 30,000 check. He gave silver medals and a SR 20,000 to Al-Fat'h team, which came in second and bronze medals and SR 15,000 check to Ohood team which had come third.

Ibrahim Al-Shami, director of the general administration for Youth Welfare, then handed the basketball super league cup and gold medals as well as a SR 30,000 check to Ohood. He also gave silver medals and a SR 20,000 check to Al-Ahli which came in second. Bronze medals and a SR 15,000 check were awarded to Al-Ittihad, which came in third.

Prayer Times

Sunday	Makkah	Madina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.14	4.10	3.41	3.24	3.49	4.14
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.17	12.18	11.50	11.36	12.01	12.30
Asr (Evening)	3.33	3.42	3.13	3.04	3.29	4.03
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.57	7.03	6.35	6.25	6.49	7.23
Isha (Night)	8.27	8.33	8.05	7.55	8.19	8.53

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For municipal budget Central region given SR281m

JEDDAH, May 23 — The Central Region Municipal and Rural Affairs Directorate was allocated SR 281 million in this year's budget, officials reported Saturday.

Ahmad Abdullah Al-Mishali, central regional municipal and rural affairs director general, said the budget includes many projects for the region's municipalities and village complexes.

They include asphalting, paving and illuminating roads and flyovers, water network and tanks projects, markets, fencing graveyards, slaughter houses, municipality buildings, compensation for expropriated land and the directorate headquarters project in Riyadh.

The directorate has awarded 43 projects to national companies, according to Mishali. The projects, on which work has begun, aim at the prosperity of citizens in their respective towns and villages, he said. Eleven projects are also being studied and will be awarded shortly, he added.

In another development, Dariyah Municipality's budget for this year amounted to SR 91 million, according to Muhammad Al-Bahli, the emir of Dariyah. The budget includes SR 14 million for asphalting, paving and illuminating; SR 21 million for temporary asphalt; SR 23 million compensation for expropriated land; SR 5 million for renovating and expanding an old public garden; SR 12 and SR 10 million for two flyovers; and SR 15 million for a water network.

These projects were approved through the untiring efforts of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, officials said. Prince Salman visited Dariyah few months earlier, accompanied by some ministers, deputy ministers and other senior officials to inspect the urgent needs of Dariyah. The officials held a meeting and discussed the projects. Their recommendations were submitted through Prince Salman.

However, SR 21 million worth projects were postponed for next year. But Dariyah officials said the delayed projects complete those allocated this year.

Meanwhile, the Southern Region's towns and village complexes also were paid special attention by state officials. This year's allocations should be so used to make the required services available to the public. Dammam, as we know, enjoys the status as the capital of the Eastern Province and also one of the most prominent towns of the Kingdom. This position calls for due attention and care for this town, but what we observe is contrary to our expectations.

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COMMENT

By Abdulla Omar Khayyat
Al Jarrah

During my visit to Al-Khobar and Dammam last week, I was greatly upset to notice empty bottles and trash littered here and there on the streets. During the same period, I incidentally read a statement in *Al Youm* newspaper in which the Mayor of Dammam spoke about the level of sanitation.

Among other things, he reiterated that the contractor's negligence is responsible for the poor state of cleanliness. He also said that the municipality deducted a specific amount from the contractor's entitlement, adding that such sums are paid back into the state treasury.

In my view, the state is not in need of such funds, but what actually is needed is that the funds allocated for cleanliness should be so used to make the required services available to the public. Dammam, as we know, enjoys the status as the capital of the Eastern Province and also one of the most prominent towns of the Kingdom. This position calls for due attention and care for this town, but what we observe is contrary to our expectations.

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Fighters kill 140 Russians

NEW DELHI, May 23 (AP) — Anti-Communist Mujahedeen in Afghanistan recently ambushed and killed 140 Russian soldiers outside Kabul, the capital, an Afghan exile leader has reported.

Saeed Muhammad Maiwand, a former senior government official who now lives in exile in the Indian capital, quoted Thursday a traveler from Afghanistan as saying that the killings occurred 10 days ago when the Mujahedeen ambushed a Soviet convoy in the Lalandar pass near the Rishikor garrison.

The Lalandar pass, the center of heavy fighting between Soviet troops and Afghan fighters earlier is located about 15 kms northwest of Kabul city. The fighters hid in ambush awaiting the arrival of the Russian convoy following a tip-off from an Afghan government army officer sympathizing with the Mujahedeen cause, Maiwand said.

After the ambush, Soviet helicopter gunships heavily bombarded the largely uninhabited area in an attempt to kill the slayers, Maiwand said, adding that no Mujahedeen casualties were reported.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's Moscow-backed Babrak Karmal regime announced Friday that had released 230 political prisoners in the northern province of Baghlan. The official Afghan radio said the "penitent" prisoners were freed from the jail in Baghlan's Puli Homri district, 175 kms north of Kabul, the capital, after they promised to fight against "the mercenaries of foreign imperialism who are creating unrest and disturbances of our fatherland."

Puli Homri reportedly was the center of heavy fighting earlier between Afghan government troops and anti-Marxist rebels.

Sadat joins Sudan celebrations today

KHARTOUM, May 23 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, on his first visit to an Arab state since signing a peace treaty with Israel two years ago, arrives in Sudan Sunday to attend celebrations marking the 12th anniversary of President Jafaar Numeiri's revolution.

His visit highlights efforts by the two neighbors to improve their relations which cooled following the March 1979 peace treaty. Sudan originally supported Sadat's face-to-face diplomacy with Israel but later withdrew his ambassador from Cairo in November 1979.

Last month, Sudan restored full diplomatic relations with Egypt and sent an ambassador to Cairo. The Sudanese move followed the Libyan military intervention in Chad.



RUSSIAN BOMB VICTIM: Indiscriminate bombing by the Soviet occupants has been on the increase in Afghanistan. Picture shows a freedom fighter wounded in Soviet MiG bombing raid on Hassan Khel village, Paktia Province, eastern Afghanistan, being carried by comrades toward Pakistan border for treatment.

Mugabe, Zia discuss Mideast

ISLAMABAD, May 23 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert G. Mugabe of Zimbabwe held his first round of talks with President Gen. Zia-ul Haq soon after his arrived here Saturday.

The talks centered around the current Middle East situation and other problems affecting the African-Asian relations, informed sources said. A second round of talks was scheduled for Sunday.

Mugabe flew here from New Delhi, India. He is on a four-nation tour including China, Japan, India and Pakistan. At Islamabad airport, the Zimbabwe leader and Mrs. Sally Mugabe were greeted by Zia, as a 19-gun salute boomed.

Mugabe, accompanied by four ministers, will be in Pakistan for four days. Two of his

ministers are expected to join him Sunday. Pakistani government officials said aid for Zimbabwe will be important in the conversations by Mugabe and his entourage. Before leaving New Delhi, Mugabe and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said they condemned attempts by certain countries to alter a United Nations plan for the independence of South African-ruled Namibia (South West Africa).

They did not name the countries, but the so-called Namibia "contact group" — the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany — which has long been working on the problem, has called the U.N. plan insufficient to produce a negotiated settlement. The group has said it will make new proposals designed to strengthen the U.N. scheme.

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islands have been the scene of noisy anti-Indian demonstrations by various political parties. On Thursday the right-wing opposition Islamic Democratic League organized a demonstration near the commissioner's office. In the city's central square, Batil Mokarram, at least six meetings are held daily at different times to voice concern and indignation over India's action. The demonstrators burned the effigy of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and carried anti-Indian slogans.

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Unity call at Tunis

Syria assured full Arab support

TUNIS, May 23 (SPA) — Arab League Ministerial Council Friday reasserted its firm pledge to give military, political and financial support to Syria in case of being attacked by the Israeli enemy.

At the conclusion of its meetings here, the 21-nation council also reaffirmed its backing for the legitimate Lebanese government and called on all the disputing factions in Lebanon to cease fire immediately and wipe out their differences in order to achieve national unity. The council reiterated its rejection of the Egyptian-Israeli Camp David accords and stressed the importance of consolidating Arab solidarity.

The gathering also called for an urgent application of the Tunis summit resolution under which the Arab oil-producing coun-

tries pledged financial help to the Palestinian refugees in southern Lebanon.

The meeting asked all the Lebanese factions to resort to their national reconciliation and appealed for urgent measures to put an end to fighting in this Arab war-torn country. The council also pledged support for the Palestine Liberation Organization. The council urged the United States to drop its support for Israel or Washington will face serious reactions from the entire Arab world.

Israel has escalated tension in Lebanon over the Syrian missiles deployment in Eastern Lebanon to protect the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF), the Lebanese and the Palestinians against the Israeli repeated attacks. Israel asked Damascus to remove the surface-to-air missiles but Syrians said the

U.S. denies report

Talks with Cyprus minister 'useful'

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — The U.S. State Department said Friday that recent talks here between Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig and the foreign minister of Cyprus were "cordial" and "very useful" and were in no way "antagonistic."

Department spokesman Dean Fischer responded to a reporter's question about news reports contending that the May 18-19 meeting was "a complete failure" and that relations between Haig and Foreign Minister Nikos A. Rolandis were "antagonistic." "The discussions were substantive and cordial and we consider the foreign minister's visit was very useful," Fischer said.

"It is the policy of the administration to support a just and fair and lasting settlement of the problems of Cyprus," Fischer said. "In particular we hope that the ongoing negotia-

To fight terrorism

Italy, Tunisia may take joint steps

TUNIS, May 23 (AP) — Italian Interior Minister Virgino Rognoni returned to Rome Friday following two days of talks with Tunisian leaders on improving collaboration between the police forces of the two countries, particularly in the fight against international terrorism.

Rognoni conferred at length with his Tunisian counterpart, Driss Guiga and also met with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba and Prime Minister Muhammad El Fazil. Italian and Tunisian sources said though the visit was first planned several months ago, it acquired an immediate urgency following the attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul II.

Tunisian police said the alleged assailant, Agca, spent several weeks late last year in a luxury hotel of Tunisia's Mediterranean resort of Hammamet, with a false Turkish passport in the name of Farouk Ozgoum...

Agca, who escaped from prison in Turkey while under a death sentence for the murder of a newspaper editor, has told Italian investigators he also planned to murder other prominent personalities, including Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, Bourguiba and U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, the sources said.

The sources, who asked not to be identified did not mention Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi among his intended victims. Rognoni gave Italian officials a detailed rundown of the continuing interrogation of Agca, but as far as is known the Libyans have no access to such inside information.

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Advertisement smears Arabs to promote Suzuki cars

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 23 — Suzuki, a major Japanese car manufacturer, has chosen cheap publicity to promote its products in German markets. Reprinted above are some photographs from an advertisement which appeared in *Stern* newsmagazine on April 15. Imposed above the German cap-

tions are their translation for the convenience of the reader. The advertisement depicts the Arabs as greedy, senseless, and lecherous people who only deserve contempt.

The Suzuki agent in Germany appears to have deliberately resorted to such smear publicity in an attempt to penetrate the difficult German market at the expense of

the Arabs.

Equally insulting is the irresponsibility of *Stern* which we feel certain that it would have rejected a similar advertisement had it insulted another ethnic group.

But the villain of the piece is and will remain the ungrateful Suzuki group which is one of the leading Japanese car exporter to the Arab world.

The Arabs and their press will not dare bury such abuse on the friendly Japanese people who are held in great esteem and genuinely admired for their good manners and respect for tradition.

Suzuki's advertisement has made it an urgent national, self-respect Arab issue to rise in the occasion and force the company to feel sorry for its misbehavior.

Much of the blame also lies on the Suzuki mother company, which understandably, could coordinate its overseas publicity campaign like other respected Japanese firms.

It is highly unlikely that Suzuki can ignore the lucrative Arab market, yet its advertisement shows how much it despises the Arabs by depicting them as monsters.

Suzuki should appreciate that no self-respecting nation will cooperate with as geographically as the Arabs do at the same time continue to be insulted so flagrantly.

Certainly any respected Arab can live without Suzuki products, and Arab agents are called upon to reconsider their dealings with the company. The Arab League Office in Bonn is also urged to sue Suzuki's agent for libel.

Quinoform victim tells of sufferings

By Richard Bill

ISEHARA, Japan (AP) — Keikun Yamaguchi has tried to kill herself twice in despair over an incurable disease that has left her blind, paralyzed from the waist down and a burden to her aging parents. She is one of 11,000 victims in Japan suffering from sunan, a nerve-crippling disease that surfaced after quinoform, an anti-diarrhea drug, was put on the market.

The drug that disabled Miss Yamaguchi, now banned in Japan, is still sold in more than 100 countries. Only 40-60 sunan cases have been reported outside Japan. The manufacturer denies that its product causes the disease. In Japan, sunan went undetected for years, wrongly diagnosed as multiple sclerosis. It was not until a mass outbreak of the disease in the 1950s and 1960s that Japanese doctors realized it was a new ailment.

Today, Miss Yamaguchi, 35, hobbles about on crutches, a legacy of the day in February, 1967 when her doctor prescribed quinoform to treat a queasy stomach. Ten days after starting medication, she found her vision blurring and a tingling sensation in her eyes — the first symptoms.

Unaware of the side effects, the doctor continued the treatment. Within a month, Miss Yamaguchi, then 21, had lost her sight and use of her legs. Sunan, an acronym for subacute-myelo-neuropathy, appeared in Japan in the 1950s and 1960s, when quinoform was freely dispensed by hospitals and sold by pharmacists over the counter. By the time it was banned in 1970, quinoform had been on the Japanese market for over half a century under 180 different brand names.

Quinoform is outlawed in the United States and most of Europe, but is still sold in many nations in Africa, South America and

Southeast Asia — a situation that Miss Yamaguchi's father, a retired carpenter, calls "unforgivable, after all that's happened." Miss Yamaguchi, in an interview with the *Associated Press* at her home in this farm community 96 kms west of Tokyo, said she is "appalled" that packets of quinoform still sit in medicine cabinets around the world. "If only people knew the risk they were taking," she sighed.

Miss Yamaguchi now seems to have come to terms with her disease. She reads in Braille, and contributes to a bi-monthly newsletter for handicapped people. "I tried to end it all when they first told me I'd never get better," said the slender woman. "Things that most healthy people take for granted — seeing friends, reading a good book, or going to the movies — were taken away from me. There didn't seem any reason to continue."

Today, there are 4,500 sunan suits in 23 district courts and four highcourts. Pending demands for compensation exceed \$730 million. Thousands of people — estimates range from 5,000 to 30,000 — cannot prove they ever took the drug and are unable to receive free medical care. In 1972 Miss Yamaguchi sued Ciba-Giegy (Japan) Ltd., a subsidiary of the Basel, Switzerland-based pharmaceutical conglomerate, which the Tokyo high court deemed was responsible, along with two Japanese drug firms and the Japanese government, for causing the crippling disease.

After a seven-year legal battle she was awarded \$205,000 in damages and \$635 a month for nursing care. Despite the settlement, she is strapped for cash. Able to get to the rehabilitation center only by taxi, she runs up \$200 a month in cab fares alone. The cost of rebuilding the family home and equipment to allow her to get around has eaten up more of the money.

Miss Yamaguchi aims her anger mainly at

Ciba-Geigy. "I appeal to the president of Ciba-Geigy from the bottom of my heart to search his conscience, pay compensation to all the sunan victims and take immediate steps to ensure that this company never again causes such horrendous suffering from the sale of their drugs," she said.

Citing only 40-60 sunan cases outside Japan, Elji Sasaki, Ciba's executive in charge of sunan litigation, rejects the Tokyo court's finding of a "causal relationship" between quinoform and sunan. He said the drug's value in treating stomach disorders in tropical areas, where such ailments are common, far outweighs any risk of side effects.

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Threat to ban papers

Kenya swoops on journalists

NAIROBI, Kenya, May 23 (Agencies) — Police have detained three editors and two reporters from eastern Africa's largest newspaper group, employees said Saturday. President Daniel Arap Moi, angered by stories about a government doctors' strike, has threatened to ban the papers.

Employees of Nation Newspapers Ltd. identified the five in custody as Joseph Rodriguez, editor in chief of *The Daily Nation*, *Sunday Nation* and the Swahili-language *Taifa Leo* (*Nation Today*), Joseph Kadhi managing editor, John Esibi, news editor, and Pius Nyamora and Gideon Mulaki, reporters, all of the *Daily Nation*.

They said assistant police commissioner Jagjinder Singh Sokhi visited the *Nation* office about 4 p.m. Friday and took the three editors in for questioning. The two reporters were said to have been summoned later by the Criminal Investigation Department. All five were still in custody eight hours later, employees said.

The official Kenya news Agency (KNA) quoted Moi as accusing *Nation* newspapers of

misleading the public and seeking to create uneasiness in Kenya. KNA said Moi promised severe measures to protect citizens from agitators.

Residents said newspapermen have been detained before in Kenya but the government's action against the *Nation* group was the strongest in recent memory. The country has no formal censorship.

The Paris-based Aga Khan, leader of millions of Ismaili Muslims around the world, has a controlling interest in the *Nation* group. The newspaper's management made no immediate comment.

The government objected to a *Daily Nation* story about a two-week strike by government doctors, who are demanding pay increases. The government says the strike is illegal.

The *Nation* group apparently incurred the government's displeasure last month when it supported former Vice President Oginga Odinga, following his ban by the ruling party from contesting a by-election, for describing the late President Jomo Kenyatta as "land grabber".

The Nation took an opposite stand from Kenya's other English-language newspaper group, the Lonrho-owned *Standard* newspapers, when it called on the president, government and party to forgive Odinga for the sake of national unity. The *Standard* called for him to be banned from the by-election. After the ban was maintained, the *Nation* rejected the party's criteria for the action.

The government thereupon immediately issued a statement warning the *Nation* to desist from publicly portraying the decision to bar Odinga as "engineered by an individual or group of individuals and not a collective government decision".

Deng meets visitors

PEKING, May 23 (AFP) — Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, the party vice-chairman, Saturday met members of the "unilateral" private political study commission of North American, West European and Japanese personalities. The commission began a three-day meeting in the Great Hall of the People here Thursday.

N. Korea told to return Seoul captives

SEOUL, May 23 (AFP) — The South Korean government Saturday accused North Korea of holding captive a total of 449 South Koreans, mainly fishermen, "kidnapped" over the years since the end of the Korean War in 1953.

The Culture and Information Ministry here urged North Korea to return them unconditionally, and to stop exploiting them for propaganda purposes. It also denounced North Korea's "cruel behavior" in detaining 19 innocent fishermen for nine months before releasing them last Tuesday.

Those still detained included 406 fishermen captured at sea as recently as last year, 22 men kidnapped on land, and 21 men and women taken North in three separate cases of plane hijacking as far back as 1969, officials said. According to North Korea, they have opted to remain in North Korea.

Chinese kill 85 Viets

PEKING, May 23 (AFP) — Chinese forces have killed a further 85 Vietnamese troops in a new border clash, bringing to nearly 400 the number of Vietnamese killed in such clashes this month, the *People's Daily* reported Saturday.

The latest fighting came the day after Peking gave Hanoi an implicit warning that it was ready to teach it "another lesson" on the lines of its 1979 military offensive.

The clash between Chinese border guards and a Vietnamese company took place Friday in the Chinese frontier district of Malipo in Yunnan province, the newspaper said. The fighting lasted more than four hours and the 85 Vietnamese killed included two officers, the paper added. It gave no casualty figures for the Chinese.

Chinese forces had already announced the deaths of 100 Vietnamese soldiers in the same area on May 7. According to the *Peoples Daily*, Hanoi had decided to step up "armed provocations" because of its defeat then. In recent days, there have been 30 casualties — killed or wounded — on the two

Long Ripper hunt

Probe of London police incompetence urged

LONDON, May 23 (Agencies) — "Yorkshire Ripper" Peter Sutcliffe Saturday began the first day of life imprisonment for 13 murders and seven attempted murders in Britain's worst ever reign of terror against women. But West Yorkshire police who took five years to catch the bearded, soft-spoken killer after launching the biggest manhunt in British criminal history now find themselves accused.

Lawmakers and newspapers charge they let Sutcliffe slip through their fingers time after time and say their "negligence and incompetence" want a government inquiry.

Sutcliffe's trial at London's Old Bailey central criminal court ended Friday with a recommendation from judge Sir Leslie Boreham that the 34-year-old truck driver should serve at least 30 years in jail.

During the 14-day hearing, attorney-general Sir Michael Havers, prosecuting, revealed that

— Police interviewed Sutcliffe nine times in the five years between the first Ripper killing on Oct. 30, 1975, to his arrest on Jan. 2 and that on each occasion they let him go.

— Officers stopped Sutcliffe in his car four times at Ripper checkpoints during the five years and each time let him go.

— They sighted Sutcliffe 50 times in red light areas of northern cities where many of the Ripper murders took place and let him go.

— They were distracted by a hoax tape recording, although one of the women who survived a Ripper attack told them the voice of her attacker was different from the voice on the tape. On each occasion until his arrest, Havers said, Sutcliffe was able to convince police he was not the man they sought.

As the trial ended, newspapers attacked as "ridiculous" and "inadequate" the proposal by chief constable Ronald Gregory, head of West Yorkshire police, to set up a local internal police inquiry by senior officers into the failure to catch Sutcliffe earlier.

Bob Cryer, an opposition Labor Party legislator, demanded a government inquiry into what he termed "binders and discrepancies" in the \$8.4 million hunt for the Ripper. Teams of detectives interviewed 21,000 men and checked five million cars during the hunt. Another Labor lawmaker, Robert Kilroy-Silk, urged a top level inquiry by the government's inspectors of Constabulary.

As the Ripper story received massive coverage in British newspapers, television and radio, *The London Times* said Saturday that the evidence the police had when they caught Sutcliffe "was so extensive that it is scarcely credible that he went unidentified for so long."

The Daily Express called for Home Secretary William Whitelaw to set up an inquiry. It said "serious allegations of negligence and incompetence" had to be answered and that public confidence had been shaken in the West Yorkshire police. *The Daily Mail* said evidence at the trial "implies a serious lack of intelligence in evaluating the material" by the



Peter Sutcliffe

police.

But judge Boreham at the end of the trial praised the tenacity of the West Yorkshire police and commanded officers in the case.

Sutcliffe, a 34-year-old truck driver, killed nearly twice as many women as the mysterious 19th century Jack the Ripper who roamed the streets of central London in 1888. But Jack the Ripper's chilling place in British hearts seems assured for all time because he, unlike Sutcliffe and other mass murderers, was neither caught nor identified.

After Jack the Ripper, Britain's other women killers, some of whom, like Sutcliffe, attacked women, died on the gallows until capital punishment was abolished in 1965.

The first to be executed was George Joseph Smith who convicted in 1912 of murdering three middle-aged lonely women. In 1941, another woman killer struck in the blacked-out streets of bomb-damaged London. A number of middle-aged housewives were found slashed and strangled and the

Peking leaders said addicted to privileges

TAIPEI, May 23 (CNA) — Chinese people on the mainland have liked communism as opium to the Peking rulers who know the evil but refuse to give up their addiction to privilege.

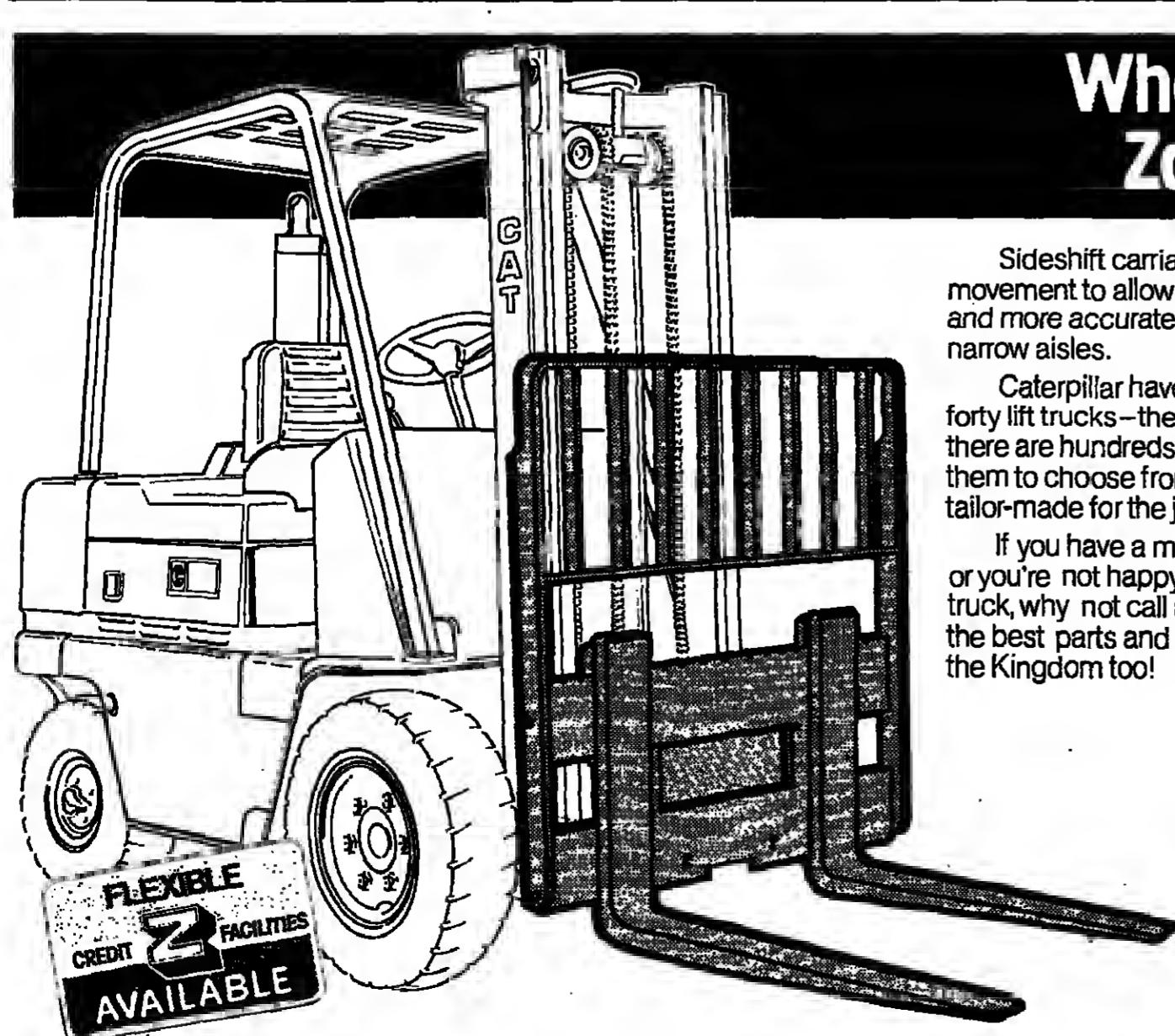
According to reports reaching here from the mainland, people there have become even more disgusted with communism after Deng Hsiao-ping revised part of Peking's economic policies. Overcome by fear, the reports said, the Communists are trying to tighten political and ideological control.

The reports said that young people on the mainland are yearning for the free and prosperous life in the Republic of China.

Realizing the situation, the Communists issued a document on March 19, calling for the reprint of 25 "revolutionary" songs. The document noted that "currently, some young people have serious doubts about socialism, refuse to accept socialist education, and bourgeois ideology is gravely affecting the growth of the new generation."

The youths on the mainland consider communism as a failure, and that Communist leaders are reluctant to give it up because they want to retain their privileges. People on the mainland have expressed their hope that the new generation in China will finally reject communism, the reports said.

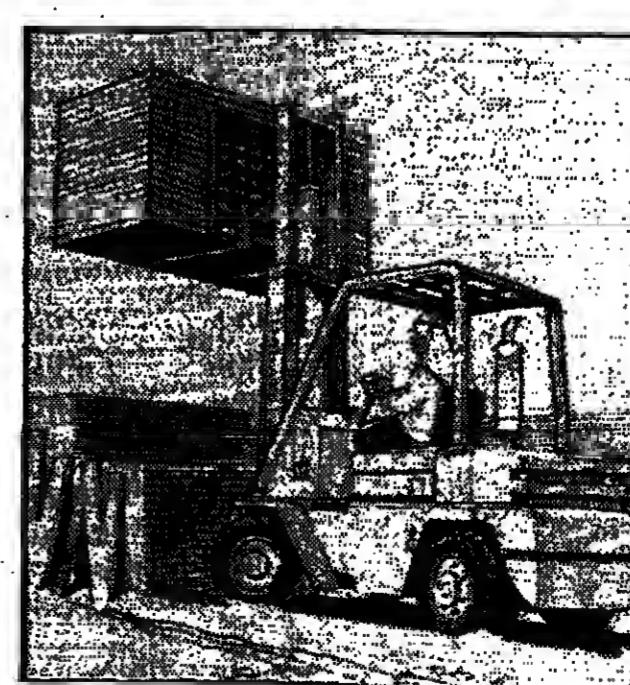
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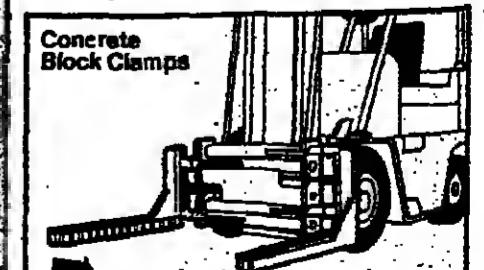
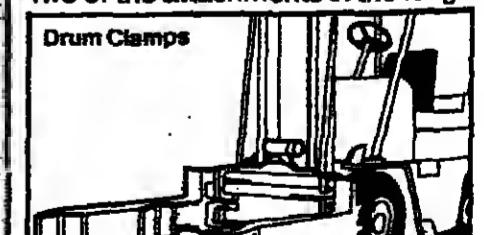
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Schmidt satisfied with U.S. talks

Accord reached on 'most issues'

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan bid farewell Friday to West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, saying they found agreement on most issues, including the need to negotiate a limit to nuclear arms deployment in Europe.

The two leaders met for an hour Friday in their second round of talks and Reagan then escorted his guest to a waiting limousine on the south lawn.

Just after Schmidt departed, a joint U.S.-West German statement was issued saying the two leaders agreed the modernization of theater nuclear forces was "essential for alliance security and as a basis for parallel negotiations which will lead to concrete results on limitations of theater nuclear forces."

Schmidt, in remarks before his departure, said he was "deeply satisfied" with his visit. He said he and Reagan held a "free, uninhibited exchange of views." The statement also said the two leaders were determined to respond to "Soviet expansionism" with

"firmness and to maintain a dialogue with the Soviet Union."

Reagan offered an assurance Thursday that the United States intends to pursue "meaningful negotiations" with the Soviet Union to limit nuclear arms in Europe but did not say when.

A senior American official, asked if the chancellor had urged Reagan to speed the nuclear arms talks, said no pressure had been applied. The United States has said the talks will begin before the end of the year but has set no date.

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko are expected to devise a schedule for the talks when they meet in New York for the U.N. General Assembly this fall.

With Schmidt at his side, Reagan said: "We are in agreement on Eastern Europe, Poland, theater nuclear forces and the fact that we are going forward with our talks with the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact."

"The federal chancellor," the official statement said, "welcomed the U.S. decision to begin negotiations with the Soviet Union on the limitation of theater nuclear weapons within the SALT framework by the end of this year. He also welcomed the fact that the U.S. secretary of state has initiated prepara-

tory discussions on theater nuclear forces with the Soviet Union, looking toward an agreement to begin formal negotiations."

There was no mention of speeding up the negotiations, which would have helped Schmidt with the opposition in his own Social Democratic Party.

The joint statement made no mention of France, but contained this pledge: "The European community plays an important part in maintaining international political and economic stability. The United States will continue to support the process of European unification."

On the Middle East, the statement said: "The president and the federal chancellor agreed that the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany, the latter within the framework of European political cooperation, should continue the search for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Their efforts should continue to be complementary and build upon what has been achieved so far." The last phrase appeared to be a reference to the Camp David agreements.

There was no specific mention of the situations in Lebanon or in Central America, although they were reported to have been discussed at length.

The list of new French cabinet

PARIS, May 23 (AP) — The first government of President Francois Mitterrand, headed by Premier Pierre Mauroy, announced Friday.

Minister of state, minister of the interior and of decentralization: Gaston Defferre (Socialist).

Minister of state, minister of national solidarity: Mrs. Nicole Questiaux (Socialist).

Minister of state, minister of foreign trade: Michel Robert (Independent).

Minister of state, minister of planning and regional development: Michel Rocard (Socialist).

Minister of state, minister of research and technology: Jean-Pierre Chevénement (Socialist).

Minister at the prime minister's office, minister of the rights of women: Mrs. Yvette Roudy (Socialist).

Minister at the prime minister's office, in charge of relations with parliament: Andre Labarrere (Socialist).

Minister of justice, keeper of the seal: Maurice Faure (radical left).

Minister of foreign affairs: Claude Cheys-

son (Socialist).

Minister at the ministry of foreign relations, in charge of European affairs: Andre Chedraui (Socialist).

Minister at the foreign ministry for cooperation (foreign aid): Jan-Pierre Cot (Socialist).

Minister of defense: Charles Hernu (Socialist).

Minister of the economy and finance: Jacques Delors (Socialist).

Minister at the ministry of the economy and finance, in charge of the budget: Laurent Fabius (Socialist).

Minister of national education: Alain Savary (Socialist).

Minister of agriculture: Mrs. Edith Cresson (Socialist).

Minister of industry: Pierre Joxe (Socialist).

Minister of trade and artisans: Andre Delelis (Socialist).

Minister of labor: Jean Auroux (Socialist).

Minister of public equipment and transport: Louis Mermat (Socialist).

Minister of Health: Edmond Hervé



Michel Rocard, minister of state, minister of planning and regional development.

Laurent Fabius, minister at the ministry of economy and finance, in charge of budget.

Profiles of four top Mitterrand aides

PARIS, May 23 (AP) — Here are brief biographical sketches of the four top cabinet ministers named Friday to run France's socialist government pending legislative elections next month:

Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, 60, is a career diplomat who speaks several languages and has served in French embassies in Indochina, Algeria and Africa. As a commissioner of the European Economic Community, he helped the EEC develop a generous trade policy toward the Third World.

He is not a newcomer to the halls of power. During the middle 1950s, he was chief of staff for Socialist Prime Minister Pierre Mendès-France.

Cheysson's professional credentials led to success. He was a top candidate for prime minister in a new government of Valery Giscard d'Estaing, had the incumbent won. He is graduate of the prestigious National School of Administration and the equally well-regarded Polytechnic Institute.

Economic and Finance Minister Jacques Delors, 56, is a professional economist specializing in financial affairs.

The son of a banker, he began work for the bank of France at age 20 after graduating from the Institute for Advanced Banking Studies. He also became an active unionist. He left banking in 1962 to become a top civil servant in a Gaullist government com-

In Tuesday's election

Dutch ruling coalition may lose

AMSTERDAM, May 23 (R) — Small political parties in the Netherlands are likely to benefit in Tuesday's general elections and the present coalition is likely to lose its parliamentary majority, political analysts said. They thought the outcome would be a center-left government, instead of the current center-right administration, but only after hard party bargaining.

In foreign affairs, the main effect of such a change could be even greater resistance than now to the stationing of 48 U.S. nuclear missiles on Dutch soil and stronger pressure for sanctions against South Africa, the analysts said. Although Prime Minister Dries van Agt's coalition looks set to lose its parliamentary majority, opposition parties are unlikely to combine to replace it.

Opinion polls indicate a splintering of votes in favor of smaller parties and away from the larger established groups. The most likely new coalition would group parties which differ on how to revive the economy, solve housing problems and tackle the par-

liament responsible for adult education. In 1969, he became a close adviser to Jacques Chaban-Delmas prime minister under the late President Georges Pompidou and an unsuccessful candidate for president in 1974.

Delors was credited in helping shape the "new politics" policies under which Chaban-Delmas ran.

Delors joined the Socialist Party in 1974 soon after his mentor's defeat and quickly became a valued adviser to Francois Mitterrand.

Defense Minister Charles Hernu, 57, is a journalist by profession and the party's defense specialist. He began his political career early, becoming the country's youngest member of the National Assembly at age 33 in 1956. He too was a close ally of Mitterrand and formed part of Mitterrand's opposition shadow cabinet in 1966-68.

In 1971, at the founding of the new Socialist Party, Hernu became a director of the party's central committee. He was given responsibility for socialist defense policy in October 1979. He has been mayor of the town of Villeurbanne, a suburb of Lyon, since 1977.

Hernu, author of several books on defense policy and the French left, may slow some of the ambitious military programs, begun by Charles de Gaulle and continued under

Pompidou and Giscard d'Estaing. Interior Minister Gaston Defferre, 70, has been mayor of the port city of Marseilles for 28 years. A lawyer like Mitterrand, Defferre began his political career in 1946 and held a succession of cabinet and sub-cabinet level posts in various post-war governments. He is one of the French left's most durable figures.

In 1965 he tried to promote himself as a candidate against De Gaulle, but stepped aside when Mitterrand appeared the stronger choice and the left agreed to back only one man. He did run against Pompidou in 1969, but picked up only five percent of the vote as the candidate of the then-small Socialist Party.

Valued for his administrative experience, he has been president of the Socialist caucus in the National Assembly. He is considered a moderate and has been an outspoken critic of the French Communist Party.

He is the minister in charge of social security.

To the minister of state for national solidarity, in charge of elderly people: Joseph Franchetti (Socialist).

To the minister of state for national solidarity, in charge of family affairs: Mrs. Georgina Dufoix.

To the minister of national education, in charge of adult education: Marcel Debarge (Socialist).

To the minister of agriculture: Andre Cerdard (Socialist).

To the minister of energy, in charge of energy: Georges Lemoine (Socialist).

To the minister of environment: Alain Bombard (Socialist).

To the minister of leisure time, in charge of tourism: Francois Abadie (radical left).

Pope declared out of danger

ROME, May 23 (AP) — Doctors declared Pope John Paul II out of danger Saturday, 10 days after the attempt on his life, and said he should be out of the hospital within 60 days.

In their daily bulletin, the attending physicians said the Pope's temperature was normal for the first time since he was shot in the abdomen by a would-be assassin.

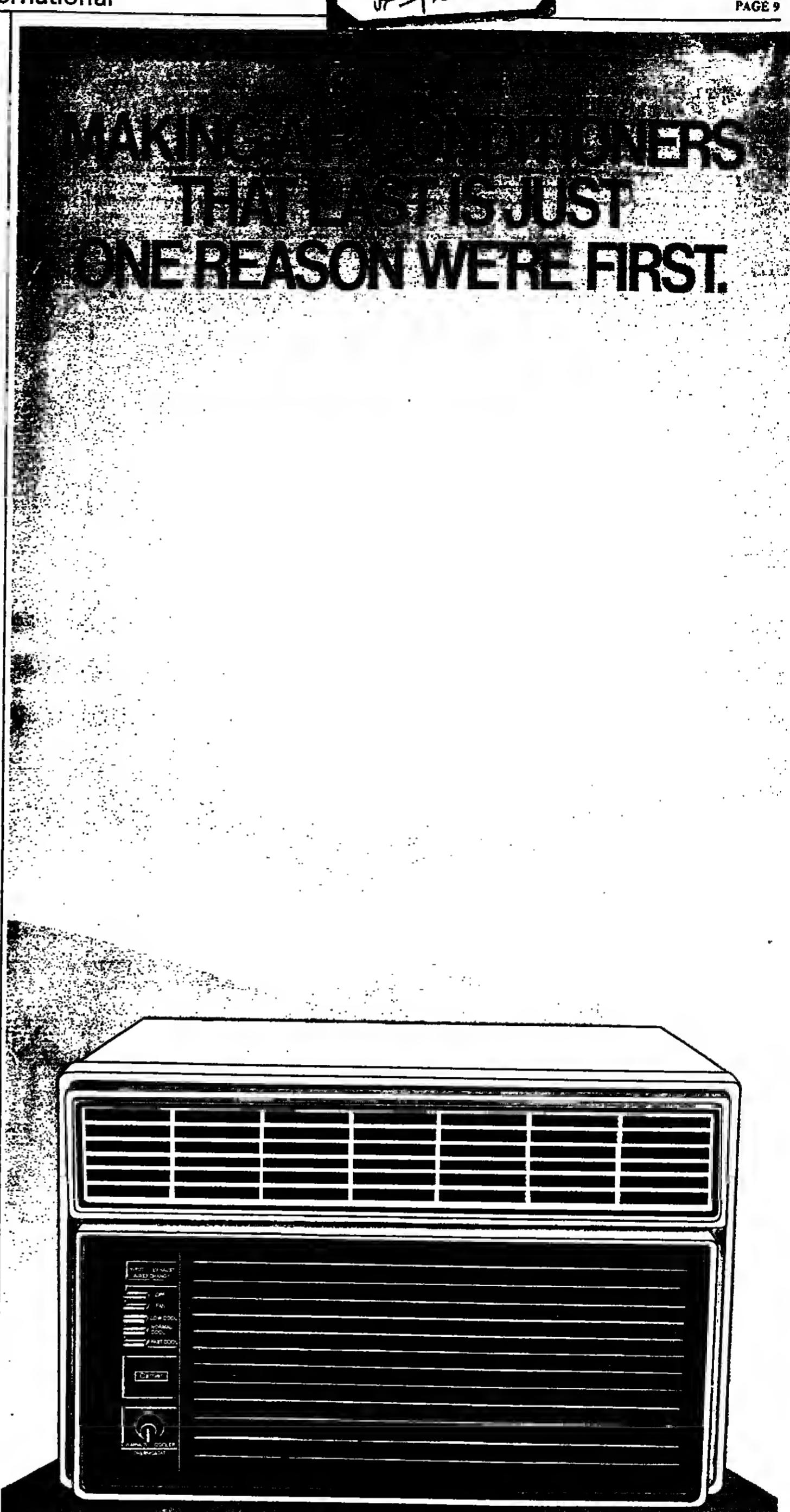
The doctors said that another bulletin would not be given until next Thursday, a further sign of the 61-year-old Pope's recovery.

The Polish-born Pope already walked in the hospital corridor Friday after doctors removed the last 14 stitches from the gunshot wounds in his abdomen and back. Italian President Sandro Pertini, who paid a visit to the Pope, said he found the Pope in "great shape."

Officials said the Pope may make a live broadcast via Vatical radio hookup from his hospital room Sunday.

Meanwhile, a tired and frustrated investigator said after more than a week of questioning Mehmet Ali Agca, the man accused of shooting the Pope said "the further we go on the more mysterious he gets."

Police still don't know whether Agca acted alone or whether someone paid him to kill the Pope. And they still don't know where he got the money to travel first-class through Europe and North Africa since his escape from a Turkish jail in November 1979.



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Consumer prices up marginally in U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (R) — U.S. consumer prices rose at an annual rate of only 5.1 percent in April, the lowest increase since last July, the Labor Department has said.

Declining petro prices and stable food costs helped to hold the overall increase to only 0.4 percent in April, it said Friday.

The U.S. has made steady progress in controlling inflation over the past few months, largely because food prices have been relatively stable. Inflation fell from an annual rate of 7.5 percent in March partly due to petro prices dropping by 1.4 percent in April. Earlier this year, petro became dearer after President Reagan ended controls over domestic crude petroleum prices.

Not all of the inflation news was encouraging. Housing costs, pushed up by rising mortgage interest rates, grew 0.7 percent in April, while medical costs rose by 0.9 percent. In an accompanying report, the Labor Department said the real value of take-home pay of a city dweller with a wife and two children declined 0.1 percent in April.

Overall food prices remained steady in April after gaining only slightly in the previous two months.

The report said the unadjusted consumer price index rose to 266.8 in April, which

means that goods and services that cost \$10 in 1976 would have cost \$26.68 last month. The Reagan administration is predicting an 11.1 percent rate for this year, but many economists say overall inflation for the year may be lower than that.

Meanwhile, as the economy shows signs of improvement, President Reagan is coming under increasing pressure from Congress to modify his sweeping tax cut proposals.

Treasury and White House officials have been discussing with Congressmen how to ensure their swift assent to the president's plan.

Publicly, Reagan is sticking to his call for a 10 percent income tax cut in each of the next three years. Privately his aides are trying to work out a new plan he could accept. Acceptance of some compromise appears probable now that the economy is looking stronger.

Democrats and other critics of the Reagan proposal argue that the big tax cuts over three years would fuel inflation.

Cuts in taxes and in government spending on social programs are focal points of the president's economic recovery strategy. Half his battle has been won. Congress last Thursday approved a \$695.4 billion budget for the 1982 financial.

Wall Street

Marts cool to signs of receding recession

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Signs of a marked improvement in the United States' inflation outlook have begun to accumulate in recent weeks, but so far Wall Street seems unimpressed.

The latest hit of evidence came Friday, when the U.S. government reported that the consumer price index rose just 0.4 percent in April, for its smallest increase in nine months.

In March, the index rose 0.7 percent. Should similar figures continue to come in the months ahead, the United States would have a good shot at its first year of single-digit inflation since 1978.

Many economists in the financial community think it will happen. For instance, Schroder Capital Management Inc. is projecting a rate of about 8 percent for the year. "We expect the current softness in the world oil markets to last throughout this year before the markets gradually lighten in 1982," Aubrey H. Zaffuto, the firm's economist, wrote recently.

"We also expect monetary policy to remain tight and short-term interest rates to remain at relatively high levels. Thus, price increases in debt-intensive industries (such as housing and commodities) will be limited." The gold and currency markets seem to reflect some similar expectation. The price of gold hovered around \$470 an ounce late last week, after being above \$700 as recently as last September.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender No.	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of Education in the Eastern Region	Supply of stationery; Printed materials	5	100	20-6-81
Municipality of Buraidah	Asphalting, pavement and lighting of the city's entrances	6	100	22-6-81
Municipality of Taif	Operation, maintenance and repair of the lighting network in Taif			
" "	Construction of a building to be the municipality headquarter			
Ministry of PTT, Saudi Telephone	Supply of insulating rubber gloves, glove protectors, and leather protective gloves	310110	100	8-6-81

PORTS AUTHORITY

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT
SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON
23RD MAY 1981/19TH RAJAB 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
5.	Hellenic Sea	Alpha	Gen/Rice	22.5.81
8.	Trinacria	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	19.5.81
12.	Dafia 1	Rolaco	Iron Bars	22.5.81
18.	Medeconent Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	18.5.81
19.	Grena	Alisahah	Bulk Cement	19.5.81
20.	Link Harmony	Alsada	Bagged Beans	17.5.81
21.	Taichung-2	Bansodah	Bagged Barley	21.5.81
28.	Meltem Universal	Star	Reefer	21.5.81
29.	Atlantic Freezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	21.5.81
31.	Barber Menestheus	Barber	Contrs/Gen/Pipes	22.5.81
35.	Ming Hope	Minco	Containers	22.5.81
36.	Kowloon Bay	Samco	Containers	22.5.81
39.	Hakuyo Maru	O.C.E.	Reefer	17.5.81
Rs Ro	Merzario Galia	A.E.T.	Ro-Ro units	22.5.81
Ro Ro	Jolly Oro	Abdallah	Ro-Ro Units	22.5.81
Ro Ro	Top Tilat	S.F.T.C.	Ro-Ro Units	22.5.81
2. RECENT ARRIVALS:	Ming Hope	Containers	22.5.81	
	Cat Tiltat	Ro-Ro Units	22.5.81	
	TFL Prosperity	Vehicles	22.5.81	
	Jolly Oro	Ro-Ro Units	22.5.81	
	Kowloon Bay	SAMSIC	Containers	22.5.81
	Barber Menestheus	Barber	Contrs/Gen/Pipes	22.5.81
	Long Beach	Reezat	Containers	22.5.81
	Polar Ace	A.E.T.	Vehicles	22.5.81
	Roleco 1	Iom Bars	22.5.81	
	Merzario Galia	A.E.T.	Contrs/Ro-Ro Units	22.5.81
	Shahinaz	Fitz	General	22.5.81
	Hellenic Sea	Alpha	General/Rice	22.5.81
	khudrozhik Pakborno	A.E.T.	Containers	23.5.81
3. VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS:	Colombo River	S.C.S.A.	General	23.5.81
	Polford	Attar	Contrs-Gen/Load Mts	"
	blue Maru	Basboud	Bagged Durra	"
	Hermes Ace	Alireza	Containers	"
	lucia Del Mar	Redsea	Contrs/Load Mts	"

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS OF 19.7.1401/23.5.1981 CHANGES PAST 48 HOURS :

2.	Sunny Trader	Site	Bagged Cement	10.5.81
3.	Mosniver	Alsada	Gen/Cement	20.5.81
4.	Asia No. 11	S.M.C.	Gen/Steel Plywood	19.5.81
5.	Concordia Sun	Alsabah	Gen/Conts	22.5.81
10.	Takis Exakos	Globe	Loading	21.5.81
12.	Yida	U.E.P.	Bagged Sugar	19.5.81
14.	Gu Jiang	Ori	General	22.5.81
18.	Oriental Forest	Kanoo	General	22.5.81
20.	Lawnona	Gosaibi	Bagged Cement	22.5.81
28.	Tanago	Barber	Gen/Conts	22.5.81
29.	Thi Tung	S.E.A.	General	21.5.81
30.	Caroline	Alsada	Steel	21.5.81
31.	Pasewalk	U.E.P.	Contrs-Ge.	21.5.81
34.	Dyvi Pacific	Alireza	Cars	22.5.81
36.	Trom Helwig (D.B.)	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	10.5.81
37.	Pacific Importer (D.B.)	A.E.T.	Bulk Cement	22.5.81
38.	Barge Uni Cement	Globe	Cement Silo Vessel	10.11.81

World Bank lends \$70m to Turkey

WASHINGTON, May 23 (R) — The World Bank has said it has approved a \$70 million loan to Turkey for projects designed to increase the productivity of three state enterprises producing sugar, iron and steel, and copper.

It said in a statement the loan to Turkey's state investment bank and guaranteed by the Turkish government would help pay for completion of high-priority modernization projects which had been delayed by a shortage of foreign exchange.

The projects would permit the Turkish Sugar Factories Corporation to expand its Ankara and Susurluk plants and finish a new plant at Ilgin, the bank said.

In addition, new machinery would be installed at the Karabuk Iron and Steel Works to modernize its methods of handling raw materials and the Isikak sea copper corporation's mining and concentration complex at Murgul would be modernized. The loan is for 15 years.

Meanwhile, the International Development Association (IDA) announced Friday a credit to India equivalent to \$125 million for the construction of godowns (storage and office facilities) and cold storage units in nine states.

Arms purchase deposits

U.S. to net \$670m interest

\$398 million, Egypt \$370 million, Japan \$355 million, Australia \$326 million.

Morris was testifying before the Subcommittee on Defense of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. Chairman Joseph P. Addabbo criticized the agency as "losing billions." "This is not the place to subsidize foreign governments," he said. "That's for the aid people."

Other members and representatives of the general accounting office were also critical, suggesting that hundreds of millions of dollars owed by other governments for American arms remain uncollected.

Morris said: "since 1976 the GAO has issued more than 30 reports that allege over \$1 billion in unrecovered costs. Our review of these reports indicates that they were often repetitive and contained many findings that apply to conditions that existed prior to 1976." James Saylor, the Pentagon's director of accounting policy, said the GAO counted some of the missing money three times. David Lowe, representing the GAO, denied it.

Iran denies selling oil at discount

TEHRAN, May 23 (R) — Acting Oil Minister Seyyed Hassan Sadat has said Iran has not sold oil at a discount and denied supplying crude to Israel and South Africa.

"Those who are hostile to Iran...say we sell oil to Israel and South Africa; and offer big discounts up to \$9 a barrel," he said Friday, without specifying the source of what he called baseless rumors.

"I strongly deny this," he added. The two countries were major purchasers of Iranian crude under the rule of the deposed Shah, but have been black-listed by the revolutionary government.

BRIEFS

JAKARTA, (AFP) — Indonesian production of liquefied natural gas (LNG) will increase by 3,300,000 tons a year in 1983 after completion of two production units in the Arun complex, in the province of Aceh, it was learned here the Arun plant, which went into operation in 1977, now produces 4,500,000 tons of LNG per year at its three units.

PARIS, (AFP) — The French treasury has just given the Japanese group Akai the go-ahead for the installation of a factory for the production of hi-fi equipment at Honfleur, northern France, government sources said. Sources at the group's French subsidiary said that production at first will be 100,000 units a year and will begin in March 1982.

GEORGETOWN, (AFP) — The West Indian island of Grenada might leave the International Monetary Fund (IMF) unless its request for a \$19 million-dollar loan is granted. Officials here have said that Finance Minister Bernard Coard is discussing details with IMF officials. Grenada has been involved in controversy over requests for international funds to finance an airport as the U.S. fears the installation could be used by Cuban troops.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, (AP) — City transport drivers and conductors have announced they will allow all passengers to ride trams, buses, and underground trains at no charge for one month in an effort to obtain salary increases from municipal authorities. The protest, effective Monday, was called to win an agreement that would put the drivers and conductors on the same salary scale as other municipal personnel.

LONDON, (AP) — The Indonesian Airways has just ordered four British Hawk attack aircraft, British Aerospace has said.

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ARABIAN HOMES

Accord reached on credit issue at jute talks

GENEVA, May 23 (AP) — Jute importing and exporting states have reached informal agreement on future trade development credits from the future common fund for commodities, sources from the 50-nation jute talks have said.

The compromise settled the major stumbling block between the consumers and the producers on whether such credits should be allowed to go to individual producer states, or whether all of them should enjoy equal benefit.

Led by India, the world's second-largest jute producer, the exporters insisted that "country-specific" projects should be entitled to loans from the future common fund's second account.

The importing states, afraid to set a precedent for possible future development of commodity processing industries in the Third World from international funds mainly provided by industrial countries, objected on the grounds that development credits should not favor one single country.

The two sides compromised on a formula whereby country-specific projects would be entitled to common fund credits only if the receiving state provides the required financial guarantees.

OPEC chief predicts price freeze

GENEVA, May 23 (R) — The Indonesian minister, Dr. Subroto, has said he believed OPEC oil ministers would agree to a price freeze after six months.

Dr. Subroto, current chairman of OPEC, is meeting here Monday to discuss oil prices and market strategy, told reporters today his country would favor an official OPEC price of \$36 a barrel and he believed it would be the view of a majority of the 13 OPEC members.

Asked how long he thought such a freeze should last, Dr. Subroto said the normal thing would be to review it at the next OPEC conference in November or December.

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, said in Berlin yesterday he would call for an oil price freeze

the conference until the end of the year and

fixed prices could possibly be frozen next year as well.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, at present charges \$32 a barrel on most of its output. Other OPEC members' prices

range up to \$40 to \$41 a barrel charged by African countries for high quality oil.

Influenced by a 159 percent price increase early 1979, Western oil consumption slumped, and the world over-supply situation was emphasized this week as Nigeria's production to 1.6 million barrels a day or

percent down on the January level. Qatar

also had to forego a premium demand from Japanese clients, and two weeks ago Kuwait had to back down on demands for payments from the Gulf, Shell and BP oil companies.

But though a majority of members are believed to favor a freeze, African countries, which already charge the top prices, consider inflation should be taken into account. "A price freeze would be unrealistic," Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi said.

Since last December's OPEC conference in Bali, Indonesia, OPEC has had three price levels. At the same time unification of prices has been a theme of OPEC conferences for the past two years, and will be on the agenda this time.

Some Western overseas believe "moderate" Saudi Arabia could go for a staged increase from \$32 to \$36 in return for a freeze by the "radicals."

While heavily populated countries such as Nigeria, Indonesia and Algeria are having difficulty moving their oil, the Saudi Arabians are selling at their normal rate. Iran and Iraq meanwhile, are still involved in the Gulf war, and want to increase production to finance their military budget. Tehran said last week it wanted to double its production to 2.5 million barrels a day. Beyond short-term price considerations, OPEC will also want to work out

a policy to counter the decline in world influence as its share of the world's energy resources falls toward the end of the century.

In Libreville, meanwhile, officials of some OPEC countries said a freeze on crude oil prices will "almost certainly" be decided by oil producers at their upcoming Geneva conference.

They were speaking in the wake of the semi-annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) interim committee and the IMF and World Bank development committee, where the energy problem figured among the key issues. In its final communiqué issued here Friday night, the development committee acknowledged that the world energy situation "poses a serious problem of adjustment for producers and consumers" and emphasized the need to reduce the dependence of developing countries on imported oil.

The panel, which groups rich and poor countries, cited the growing current deficit of oil-importing developing countries and urged support for the World Bank's moves to expand lending in the energy sector. The communiqué also called on members to consider ways of mobilizing additional funds for energy development "both through existing mechanisms and through a possible new affiliate or facility" of the bank.

Commodity markets

Metal prices slump in dull trading

LONDON, May 23 (AFP) — The general trend continued this week on the commodity front before some fairly sharp corrections, induced by currency movements.

A further increase in U.S. interest rates, reduction in Britain's industrial output in recent months, plus prospects of drastic defense cuts for the next decade in Britain, depressed

the forthcoming long week-end in Britain.

Gold: Quiet and easier. There were no

of last week's sharp movements, with

declining gradually in extremely dull,

trading to their lowest since April, in line with New York.

The U.S. dollar also reflected.

Copper: About steady. Indication from

that the tin council's buffer stock

was continuing to buy metal in sup-

plies was sufficient to hold the Lon-

market steady. It is estimated that

about 1,200 tons in Penang seven

Meanwhile, London market stocks rose

tons to 7,500 tons, the highest since June

Lead: Irregular. Demand from Eastern Europe was reported, with the Soviet Union

to have bought 8,000 tons recently.

West finds China

PEKING, May 23, (R) — Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller said Saturday China's severe economic cutbacks did not represent a change of policy and that Peking remained committed to an open-door policy with the West.

Rockefeller was speaking as North American Chairman of the Trilateral Commission, an influential group of industrialists, politicians and scholars from industrialized nations who have held three days of talks with Chin-

policy unchanged

ese leaders. Rockefeller told journalists the cuts did "not mean a change of policy, but just a slowing down of pace." Expansion of trade remained China's unchanged intention, he added.

China did not intend to allow its foreign trade deficit to exceed 15 percent of its exports, a very cautious policy, he said. Georges Berthoin, former chief representative of the European Common Market in Britain, said China was following a "firm and stable strategy" and would meet all commitments.

China caused widespread consternation when it announced in January that it wished to suspend or cancel \$1.5 billion worth of contracts for heavy industrial equipment it had ordered mainly from Japan. Members of the Trilateral Commission declined to disclose details of their talks with Chinese leaders. Saturday, they met Communist Party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrain Dinar	8.80	8.80	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	90.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.25	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	148.00	147.90	147.20
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.00	135.00	131.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.04	4.26
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	92.10	92.15
French Franc (100)	61.00	61.40	61.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	66.00	65.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.10
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	4.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	30.00	30.20	29.90
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	—	15.35
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.20	10.14
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.17
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	82.15	80.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	69.00	65.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	3.00
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	43.70
Pound Sterling	7.04	7.10	7.50
Qatari Rial (100)	—	92.90	93.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	165.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	37.15
Swiss Franc (100)	165.00	166.00	164.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	51.50	53.10
Tunisian Lira (1,000)	3.38	3.2800	3.3820
U.S. Dollar	—	74.00	73.65
Venezuelan Rial (100)	—	—	—
 Selling Price	 Buying Price		
Gold kg.	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.00	
10 Tolas bar	6,100.00	6,030.00	
Ounce	1,660.00	1,615.00	
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U.K. inflation drops, price index rises

LONDON, May 23 (AP) — Britain's traditional measure of annual inflation dropped slightly in April, but higher taxes pushed the cost of living sharply higher, the government has said.

The retail price index, a measure of the cost of goods and services, dropped six-tenths of a percent in April to 12 percent, from 12.6 percent in March. But when the inflation rate was adjusted for taxes, the actual cost of living rose to 17.1 percent in April, from an annual rate of 13.4 percent a month earlier.

The retail price index dropped in April to its lowest point since June 1979, a month after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher took office and instituted strict monetarist policies. But the tax and price index, introduced by Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative government to incorporate direct tax changes as well as prices as the best guide to total household costs, was well up on March when it was quoted at 13.4 percent.

Immediately after taking office, Mrs. Thatcher almost doubled value added tax, or VAT, a direct sales tax, from 8 to 15 percent. In an austere economic budget March 9, the government increased taxes on cigarettes, liquor and gasoline up to 20 percent.

Figures published by the department of employment showed that prices rose by 2.9 percent in April. But government sources stressed that April traditionally sees heavy price increases and said these would decline in the coming months pushing inflation further down.

Inflation soared to a peak of 31 percent at the end of Mrs. Thatcher's first year. It has tumbled sharply in recent months as she set about introducing her controversial tight money policies and Britain struggled through its 1980.

Mrs. Thatcher's critics, in particular the opposition Labor Party, say she has become obsessed with curbing inflation when the economy instead should be refocused with more public spending and aid for industry to offset unemployment.

Prime rate raised to 20 1/2%

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Four of the United States' largest banks raised their prime lending rates Friday to 20.5 percent from 20 percent, reflecting banks' high costs of borrowing money.

The increase came a day after the interest rate on federal funds, which banks charge each other for overnight loans, opened at 20 percent Friday, after hovering between 17.5 percent and 18.5 percent in recent weeks, and was quoted at 19.5 percent Friday afternoon.

The new prime matched the 1981 high of 20.5 percent, set Jan. 2 before the rate began a downward march from last December's all-time high of 21.5 percent.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates maintain strength

By J.H. Hammond.

JEDDAH, May 23 — Local dealers described activity over Saturday as "very quiet" with few institutions willing to take risks in moving significantly one way or another against the dollar. This note of caution came about due to the release of the American money supply figures which showed a fall in M-1 of \$3.2 billion for the week ending May 23. Despite a fall in the "Fed Funds" rate to 17 1/2 percent and easing of short-term dollar deposit rates, the financial markets discounted the money supply figures by opting to push prime rates further up. Chase Manhattan raised its prime rate to 20 1/2 percent from 20 percent and other banks are expected to follow suit.

Locally, rival deposit rates remained stable at Thursday closing levels, but some business was done with Bahrain-based OBU's offshore banking units. The dollar continued to remain firm against all other currencies in New York, most notably against the French franc which fell to 5.58 at one stage. The Bahrain markets were quoting the French franc wide at 5.5710 — 5.5830. The general feeling is that the wide-ranging exchange control package presented by French Socialists' Premier Pierre Mauroy has not had the anticipated market impact. The German mark again slipped below the 2.300 level and the Bundesbank "fixed" the German currency at 2.3160 Friday. The mark, however, recovered slightly to 2.340 levels in New York after the money supply release figures. In other currency news, the British pound was quoted at 2.0785 at New York close and Bahrain dealers were also quoting it at that level Saturday. The latest economic releases showed that U.K. retail price index rose 2.9 percent in April, taking the year-on-year average rate to just over 12 percent. The yen dropped against the dollar to 223.80 at one stage in Tokyo before heavy buying brought it back to a range of 222.50.

On the interest rate front, the dollar deposits, based in most tenors by as much as 1 1/2 percent. The three-month Eurodollar deposit level has now reached 19.116 — 19.313 percent after having topped the 20 1/2 percent level Thursday. The fall in dollar interest rates has affected the local Rival market. One-month JIBOR levels have remained steady at 16.38 — 16.78 percent, but there were few dealers willing to commit themselves on either side in any meaningful volume. One dealer described the levels of activity Saturday as "shadow-boxing." Some deals were done, but again mostly on the short tenors with commercial banks waiting to see how the markets would fare in the United States Tuesday after New York's closure Monday. On the local exchanges, the Rival spot rate against the dollar hardly moved from opening levels of 3.2810 — 20 with again a few inter-bank deals being carried out. Some banks reported, however, some fairly moderate commercial dollar rates to importers especially in the mark and French franc as local merchants took advantage of the fall in these currencies against the dollar.

Economic outlook 'sluggish', IMF says

LIBREVILLE, May 23 (AFP) — The world economic shows a "somewhat sluggish picture," but a "modest" recovery is expected in 1982, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Jacques de Larosiere, has said.

He told a news conference here Friday that "one of the major characteristics of the situation was that real growth in industrial countries could pick up a little to around 2.5 percent in 1982 after being about one to 1.5 percent this year.

The average growth rate of developing countries would remain at roughly the same level, at a projected 4.5 percent this year against five percent in 1980. De Larosiere gave no 1982 estimate for these countries.

Observers note that the IMF chief described the general outlook as "grim" in a speech at San Francisco barely three weeks ago. Participants in the IMF and World Bank talks here have said that the United States and Britain had privately criticized the language used by the IMF staff as conveying an unduly pessimistic picture of the prospects.

At a joint news conference with the chairman of the IMF's interim committee, Canada's Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Allan MacEachen, de Larosiere early cited these forecasts:

Balance of payments: Oil producing countries are expected to register an overall current account surplus of \$100,000 million this year.

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In National League

Dusty Baker leads Dodgers past Reds

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Dusty Baker's two-run single in the 12th inning broke a 3-2 tie and gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 4-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds Friday night.

With Doug Bair pitching, Derrel Thomas walked; leading off the Dodger 12th, Rick Monday, attempting a sacrifice, beat Bair's throw to first and was credited with a single. Bill Russell sacrificed and Ken Landruzz was intentionally walked before Baker's tie-breaking single.

Baker hit his third home run of the season in the first inning off Reds starter Mike LaCoss to start the scoring. Successive singles by Steve Garvey, Ron Cey and Pedro Guerrero then gave the Dodgers a 2-0 lead.

Los Angeles' Jerry Reiss held Cincinnati scoreless until the seventh, when the Reds scored on Dave Collins' RBI single. They tied the game in the eighth on Ray Knight's run-scoring double. They tied the game in the eighth on Ray Knight's run-scoring double.

In other National League action, Charlie Lea allowed only four hits while pitching seven shutout innings and Chris Speier doubled in three runs as the Montreal Expos defeated the Chicago Cubs 6-3. Mike Easter rapped a triple and a tie-breaking single and rookie Pascual Perez earned his first major league as the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 3-1.

The San Diego Padres handed the Atlanta Braves their fifth straight setback 5-2. While the New York Mets beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-3.

In the American League, Ken Singleton drove in a pair of runs with a homer and a single as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Detroit Tigers 4-2. Dwight Evans drove in three runs with a two-run homer and a single and Jim Rice lined a two-run homer, leading Boston to a 7-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers as the Red Sox ran their winning streak to five games.

John Castino knocked in three runs with a home run and a sacrifice fly and Jerry Koosman scattered six hits to lead Minnesota to a 7-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals in Bill Flardine's debut as the Twins Manager.

Bo Diaz collected three RBI and broke a 3-3 tie in the fifth inning with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in helping Bert Myer's team to a sixth straight complete-game victory, as the Cleveland Indians defeated the New York Yankees 7-3.

In a late National League night game, Darrell Evans delivered a tie-breaking two-run single with two out in the 15th inning, pacing the San Francisco Giants to a 6-3 victory over the Houston Astros.

In late American League action the Oakland A's beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2. The victory snapped the Oakland's eight-game losing streak. Buddy Bell belted two homers and drove in four runs and Danny Darwin pitched a four-hitter as the Texas Rangers defeated the Seattle Mariners 6-2.

Greg Luzinski knocked in four runs with two homers and Mike Squires twice drove in Ron LeFlore with singles to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 9-5 victory over the California Angels.



WATCHING: Bjorn Nordwall, Philips Eriksson (dark shorts), watches Alan Fazakerley (Bin Laden) move to return a backhand down the side-wall, during Sunday's squash action. Nordwall won 3-2.

Clive Rice falls four short of century

LONDON, May 23 (AFP) — Chris Balderstone, Leicestershire's 40-year-old opener, won his second "gold award" this season and it was enough to earn his side a place in the quarterfinals: knock-out stages of the Benson and Hedges Cup cricket tournament for the first time in five years.

Leicestershire, twice winners of the Cup, crushed Worcestershire by 48 runs, the springboard of their success coming from Balderstone's 87. He helped them to 238 for seven — a total Worcestershire were seldom likely to match.

Only 25 overs remained Friday when Leicestershire resumed and Brian Davison gave the innings impetus with three sixes while young Gordon Parsons wrapped up the match with four for 33.

Balderstone won his first award with a cen-

Hochtief inching toward squash title

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, May 23 — Hochtief inched closer to the Jeddah Squash League title when they downed Grey Mackenzie 4-1, Sunday, while the other contender, BTC managed only a 3-2 win against third from bottom, Andalus Village.

Although a single point difference seems small, it appears likely that the title will be decided on exactly this kind of situation, and everything may well depend on the final weeks play when the two meet each other.

In other Division "A" matches, Bedouins beat Riofines 4-1 to send the latter almost certainly into the "B" Division next season while Streeters had a bye.

The points situation now sees Hochtief heading the table with 67 points, closely followed by BTC on 62. Next week, Hochtief have a bye, which will put them and BTC on equal number of games and give a clearer

idea of how the two stand. BTC are scheduled to play Bedouins, but they will probably be playing with an weakened team if their No. two and four players leave as planned.

Armska continue to head the "B" Division, and increased their lead when they beat second placed Samba by 3-2. Samba gave Armska a good run for their money, though. With the teams at 1-1, Rolfe Holme beat Nassim Husseini to put Armska 2-1 ahead, but Dominic Keenan lost his first game of the season, to Dave Smith, and Samba were back in the match.

Armska's Lars Fredrikson then played a skipper role by downing Philippe Goffin, 3-1, to give Armska the match. This now puts Armska on 80 points, fourteen ahead of Samba, on 66.

Springbook may have ruined their chances of promotion when they lost 3-2 to Hochtief. Lost may not be quite the right word in this situation. Two Springbook players couldn't

find the Hochtief court and so had to forfeit their games. This not only lost them the match, but an extra valuable point for not turning out a full team.

Halcrow continued their winning ways with a 3-2 victory over Saudi Arabia. Arabian Homes downed Sogex 3-2. Sogex are sure of promotion, but the teams in the next four positions up have moved even closer together and are now separated by only two points.

The two leaders in the "C" Division clasped in a thriller that saw Bin Laden Org. win 3-2 against Philips Ericson. Three of the five matches went to five games, and in the No. 3's match, Bin Laden's Don Walker edged Jim Barley only 9-8 in the final game. This was a bitter disappointment for Barley, who had pulled back from two games and 8-1 down.

In other matches, W.S. Iry pulled off an unexpected victory over STTB, but the latter were without their No. one and two players, and Laing Wimpey beat Zahid "A" 3-2.

Aussie tie ends in a tame draw

SOUTHAMPTON, England, May 23 (AFP) — Only John Dyson of the top six batsmen cashed in on a gift-wrapped opportunity for intensive match practice as the first official Australian game of the tour, against Hampshire, was quietly played out at Southampton Friday.

Dyson made an impressive 60, but it was left to the useful middle-order men — Rodney Marsh and Ray Bright — to save the tourists from humiliation. They added 104 in even time after coming together at a modest 126 for six. They also denied Hampshire a likely looking bonanza from the sponsors though the county picked up 338 pounds — 25 pounds for every wicket, and one pound for each run short of 400 in the Australian first innings.

The batsmen found a variety of ways to get out, but opener Graeme Wood's was the most predictable. His history of suicidal runs has earned him the tag "Kamikazi Kid". And, sure enough, without a run scored, he was out over a single, and was beaten by Cowley's slick throw.

Pace bowler Stege Malone had a hand in four successive wickets after lunch. Martin Kent, who had played neatly, became overambitious, and skied a catch. Captain Kim Hughes stroked his first ball to the long boundary but was then lbw even though the ball struck him above the pad.

Then Malone, dropped for Hampshire's match Saturday, revealed his catching skill. Allan Border surrendered when he swung Southern to deep square-leg.

Dyson had provided the backbone of the innings, relishing Cowley's off-spin.

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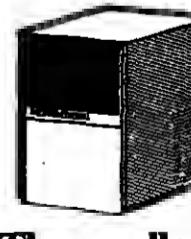
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Robertson's goal enables Scotland down England

WEMBLEY, England, May 23 (AP) — John Robertson slotted home a 15th minute penalty to give Scotland a 1-0 victory over England in a disappointing British Championship soccer match at Wembley Saturday.

The teams were level 0-0 at half-time but when Bryan Robson fouled Steve Archibald in the penalty area, Robertson made no mistake from the spot.

The result extended England's worst-ever run in international soccer. England has now failed to win its last five international games and has not scored a goal for 422 minutes.

Scotland finished the championship with four points from its three games, but the series was incomplete because both England and Wales refused to travel to play Northern Ireland in troubled Belfast.

Cheered on by a huge body of supporters who had traveled from Scotland in defiance of a ban on ticket sales north of the border, Scotland was the better team. The Scots played with fire and passion while England was disjointed and lacked both confidence and ability.

England manager Ron Greenwood now has only seven days to lift his team's morale before the vital World Cup qualifying match against Switzerland in Basle next week. England also faces Hungary in Budapest in another world cup qualifying game in two weeks' time. There was nothing in this performance to suggest that England will qualify for the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982.

It took the lack-luster England attack 31 minutes to get a shot on target. Glenn Hoddle's aimed, but Scottish goalkeeper Alan Rough made a fine acrobatic save to catch the ball in mid-air.

Steve Coppell, twice, and Graham Rix had earlier fired over the Scottish crossbar. But the early chance of the game fell to Scotland's Asa Hartford, whose low 25 meters drive was touched round the post by Jim Corrigal. Both teams struggled to overcome the heavy conditions and the turf made ball control difficult.

England did carve out a clearcut chance four minutes before half-time when Coppell crossed from the right only for Graham Rix

unmarked, to head helplessly off target.

The comedy of errors continued into the second period and even the introduction of substitutes Alvin Martin and Trevor Francis for Dave Watson and Tony Woodcock made little difference to England's performance.

Sixteen minutes into the second half Peter Withe, who has yet to score in three full appearances for England, beat Rough with a well directed header but Willy Miller hacked the ball off the line.

Four minutes later the Scots were ahead and they looked like relinquishing their lead. Francis twice went close and had a penalty appeal turned down when he appeared to be fouled by Miller. But the Scot too had their chances and the brave Corrigan twice did well to prevent Steve Archibald from increasing Scotland's lead.

Wembley officials announced that 90,000 tickets had been sold for the game, but an English Football Association spokesman said the crowd was not more than 75,000. Ticket sales were banned in Scotland and public transport to Wembley was halted following outburst of violence when this fixture was last played here in 1979.

England juniors start favorites

DUSSELDORF, May 23 (AFP) — Champions England start favorites to retain their title at the European under-18 football championships which open in West Germany Monday.

Sixteen nations, split into four pools of four, will be competing over nine days in 25 cities throughout West Germany for the right to reach the final in Dusseldorf, on Wednesday, June 3. England, who beat Poland 2-1 for the title last year bring a remarkable record to this 33-year-old tournament, having reached one of every three final since 1948 for a total of eight championship wins.

This year England find themselves in the same qualifying pool (group four) as Spain, Austria, and traditional rivals Scotland — who promise them a tough fight for Group supremacy.



(Wirephoto)
IN POSSESSION: England's Trevor Francis has the ball when under control as Scotland's Willie Miller makes a dash from the right during the England-Scotland match at Wembley Saturday. Scotland won the encounter 1-0.

Greenhoff nets winner

IRVING, Texas, May 23 (AP) — Veteran Blizzard forward Jimmy Greenhoff scored a second half goal and a tough defense made it stand for a 1-0 North American Soccer League victory over the Dallas Tornado before 3,119 fans at Texas Stadium Friday night.

The loss was the eighth straight for the Tornados, its worst losing streak since 1968 when the team lost its first 11 games. Greenhoff's goal at 18:28 of the first half came of a combination play with teammate Clyde Best and fellow forward Szymon Soco.

After receiving a through pass from Soco, best side stepped Dallas defender Neil Cohen before passing to Greenhoff who promptly slotted it to the right of Dallas goalie Bill Irwin.

Dallas out shot Toronto 12-9 for the game. Blizzard goalie Tony Chunks was credited with three saves and Irwin also registered

three for Dallas.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Aztecs announced Friday they have signed free agent Brian Quinn, a former Irish National team member.

Quinn, 20, has played midfield for Everton, an English First Division club, for the past two years. He was the most valuable player of the Irish First Division in 1979, scoring 15 goals in 22 games for Larne, and later played with the Irish national team.

The San Diego Sockers too announced that the club has signed free agent defender David Burke of England to a multiyear contract. Contract terms were not disclosed.

A club spokesman said Burke, a 5-foot-10 inch, attack defender, has played in 88 professional games in England in the last three years,

West Germany will have it easy

LATHI, Finland, May 23 (R) — West Germany, European champions, look set for a comfortable win over the Fins in a European Group One Soccer World Cup qualifying match Sunday. The West Germans have taken all six points from their three games while the Fins, in process of rebuilding, have lost all four matches, failing to score a goal.

Finnish Amager Esko Malm says he will be happy if he can keep the score down. He would probably deploy only two men up front, he said. But he badly wants a goal. Malm put down the Finns' recent poor performance to slow reaction rather than lack of skills or of speed over the ground.

The match will be played on a new pitch, built on a field where sacking and shooting contests were held last winter.

Kiwis rout Indonesia to improve chances

AUCKLAND, May 23 (AFP) — New Zealand increased their lead at the top of oceania Group when they trounced Indonesia 5-0 in World Cup qualifying match here Saturday.

With 10 points from six games with two games remaining (against Republic of China and Fiji), they now appear confident of winning the Oceanian Group and playing against Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and China for the one of the two Asia-Oceanian passages to Spain.

New Zealand's first goal came after ten minutes of play when Steve Woodin received a high ball from the center field and chipped it over the head of Indonesian goalkeeper Poerwono as he came out to challenge.

Woodin was also involved in the second goal which came 25 minutes later. From a free-kick, he booted the ball to just outside the goal area near the far post where Brian Turner jumped high to head it in. New Zealand were 2-0 up at half time.

Tactical play by Woodin was also responsible for New Zealand's third goal, scored 15 minutes into the second half. He received a long pass just outside the penalty area and quickly dribbled to draw keeper Poerwono from the goal mouth. He then slid the ball to Grant Turner who found the goal completely unguarded.

Zeland went four goals clear when replacement Clive Campbell hit the ball across to the center of the field, ahead of both, an Indonesian defender and a New Zealand forward. Both thought the ball was going out and gave up the chase but Grant Turner continued to pursue and only two feet from the line left-footed at an acute angle into the net.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.
New Zealand	6	4	2	0	16	3	10
Australia	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Taipei	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fiji	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Indonesia	3	0	0	3	0	9	0

Jan Timman keeps lead in IBM Chess

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands May 23 (AP) — Dutch champion Jan Timman was held to a draw by Yugoslav grandmaster Lubomir Ljubojevic in a sixth-round duel but kept his place on top of the standings in the IBM Chess Tournament Friday.

Playing white in a queen's Indian, Timman tried to break through Ljubojevic's tight defense with a temporary queen's sacrifice at his 17th. Ljubojevic lost his major piece three moves later but kept his ranks closed and successfully evened out at his 22nd.

Timman's closest rivals, world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia's Vlastimil Hort, also drew their games Friday.

Karpov settled for the half point after 15 uneven moves with white in a queen's Indian against fellow Soviet grandmaster Lev Polugaevsky. Hort was in an equally peaceful mood, accepting a draw against U.S. grandmaster Lubomir Kavalek after 18 moves with white from a Nimzo-Indian.

They were joined in second place by Lajos Portisch of Hungary, who downed Britain's Tony Miles in 33 moves from a Nimzo-Indian. Playing black, the British grandmaster made a mistake in the opening, lost a pawn at his 22nd and was in a totally overrun position when he resigned at his 33rd.

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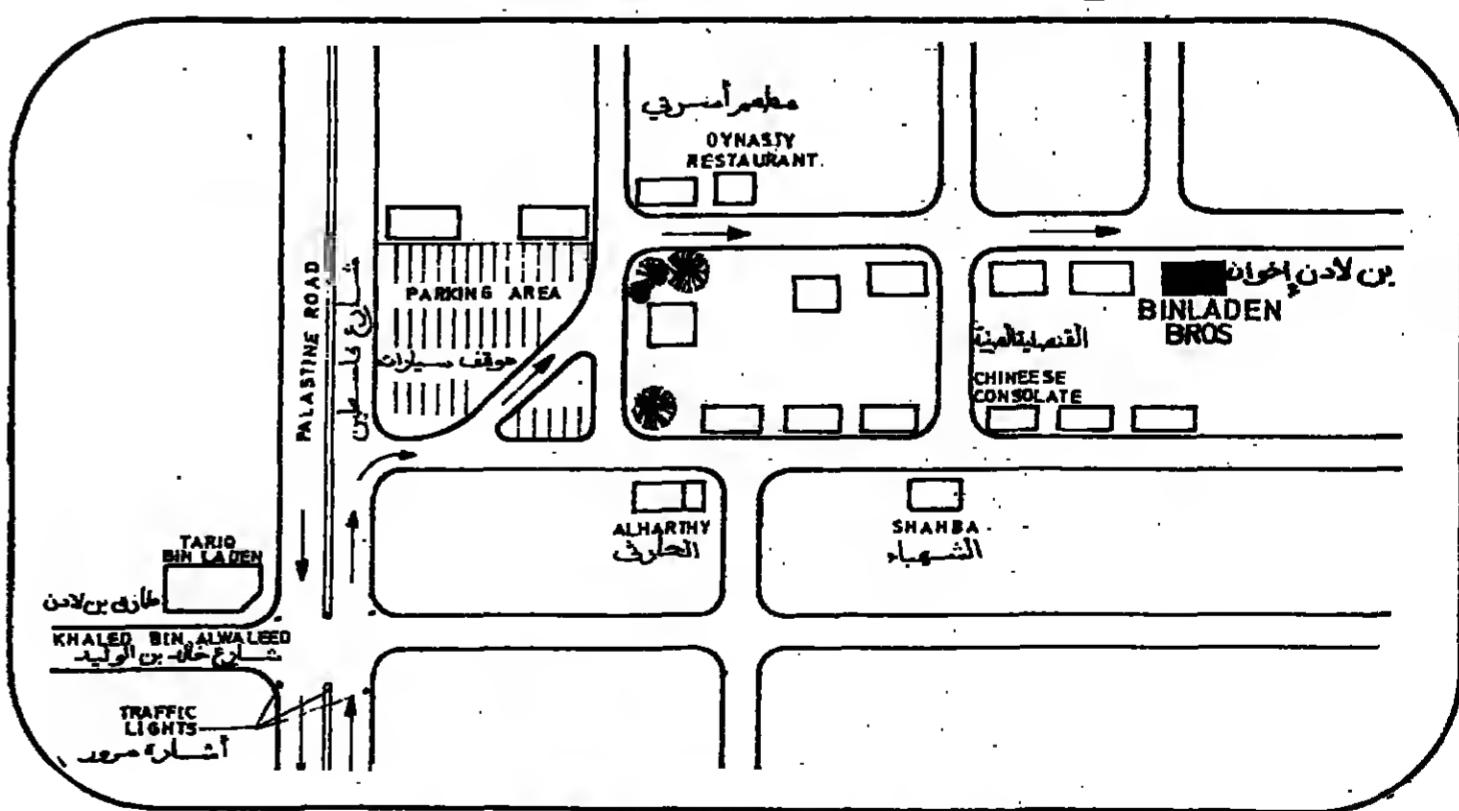
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In fighting anarchy

Polish troops to assist police

WARSAW, May 23 (Agencies) — Troops have been called in to help police fight what a senior Polish Politburo member describes as a slide toward anarchy, press reports here said Saturday. The move was disclosed by central committee secretary Stefan Olszowski at a meeting Friday with party militants at a textiles factory outside Warsaw, the reports said.

He was quoted as saying that joint army-military patrols were being set up to help police following recent cases of violations against "discipline, peace and social order". Such cases were sapping the effectiveness of police and security services, Olszowski said. He termed it "very dangerous phenomenon, a step toward anarchy".

The Politburo member added that it was vital to strengthen the position of police and show them that they had society's support. He also called for moves to restore the prestige of "Ormo" voluntary civilian militia and to set up civilian militias operating in conjunction with police.

Meanwhile, the independent union Solidarity Friday warned that the government's failure to implement some agreements could bring mounting tensions over several scattered local disputes.

The statement, carried by the union's news service, came as five workers in Sosnowiec, southern Poland, completed the second day of a hunger strike aimed at winning the release of several political prisoners.

Another Solidarity news bulletin, *Independent*, said the current "negotiating style" of the government could "trigger sudden tension and bring to the surface local conflicts."

The Solidarity warning cited local disputes involving firefighters in Solidarity and other unions, as well as printers, employees of the defense and interior ministries and bank and power plant workers.

Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency Tass charged "revisionist" forces bent on imposing structural changes in the Communist Party here were working "hand in hand" with Solidarity and dissidents and the Polish party daily *Tribuna Ludu* printed an article critical of the independent union's program.

"Each consecutive day in Poland brings evidence of mounting tension over the refusal by the authorities to implement the agree-

ments signed with individual branch sections of Solidarity," the union's news service said.

Independent printed a summary of recent negotiations saying the government had refused to discuss "details of some issues pleading lack of relevant powers." Failure to reach an agreement on the union's demand for freeing some prisoners, voiced during strike-ending accords that led to its formation in Gdansk last summer, apparently sparked the hunger strike in Sosnowiec.

A spokesman for the five men, Jan Howach, said they had vowed to continue their fast until five members of the "Confederation

of Independent Poland" were released. The group, called KPN, is considered nationalist by the authorities who have charged the jailed members with anti-state activities.

The spokesman said the hunger strike might spread to other cities, even though Solidarity had opposed its start, and noted that independent students and a Gdansk-based committee for prisoners' rights planned a march Monday to support their demands.

Among the protests cited by Solidarity was a complex dispute involving Solidarity and non-Solidarity union firefighters seeking higher pay and better equipment.



BLAZING BARRICADE: A street scene in the Irish Republican stronghold of Belfast Friday following the death of the fourth hunger striker, Patsy O'Hara, in a campaign for political prisoner status. Within minutes of O'Hara's death in the Maze prison Irish guerrillas erected makeshift barricades in the city and set fire to them making armored cars retreat from the scene.

Iranian attack repulsed at Susangerd, Iraq says

NICOSIA, May 23 (Agencies) — Iraq has said its forces repulsed a large-scale Iranian attack on forward positions at Susangerd in Iran's southern oil province of Khuzistan.

A communiqué broadcast by Baghdad radio said the Iraqi forces were continuing "shutting and destroying the enemy" at Shoush near Susangerd, where it claimed 194 Iranian troops were killed.

The Iranians were also suffering heavy human and material losses at Susangerd, the main thrust of the Iranian attack, the communiqué said without giving details.

The attack, launched at dawn Thursday, was for the recapture of strategic heights bordering Iraq. But sundown Thursday Iran claimed its forces had managed to regain several important positions in the area after kil-

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Salazar's friend dies

LISBON, May 23 (R) — Maria Caetano Freire, the most powerful woman in Portugal during Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar's rule as prime minister, died in Lisbon Friday.

Known throughout Portugal as Dona Maria, she was Dr. Salazar's life long companion and house keeper, guarding access to his presence, keeping him abreast of popular gossip and acting as a personal confidante to the bachelor prime minister.

An uneducated peasant woman from northern Portugal, she was feared and respected by all who met her, including government ministers. But she was also a retiring figure who never sought publicity. After Salazar died in 1970, she moved to a cottage outside Lisbon, and lived quietly there until her death. She was in her 80s.

Prison mutiny at Iona quelled

IONA, Michigan, May 23 (AFP) — As security forces Saturday put down a large-scale mutiny at Iona jail in which 18 prisoners were injured, prisoners in a Carson City, Nevada, prison released one of the three guards taken hostage Friday night, officials said.

A special police intervention unit had surrounded the Nevada prison where the inmates and their two remaining hostages were entrenched. The leader was identified as David Wayne, involved in a prison hostage-taking in February when eight guards and a nurse were captured.

According to a prison spokesman, the latest hostage-takers demands were not clear. In the Iona jail, where the average age of the inmates is 19, guards and police managed to restore order after a night of rioting.

Lefever's nomination 'is in trouble'

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — Senate majority leader Howard Baker has told the White House that his nomination of Ernest W. Lefever to be President Ronald Reagan's representative on human rights issues is in serious trouble. Senate sources have said.

Baker did not suggest that the nomination be withdrawn, however, the source said, Friday. Earlier this week, Sen. Charles H. Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, privately urged the White House to withdraw the nomination, according to Senate and White House sources.

The State Department issued a statement Friday saying that Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. "has reiterated his complete support of Dr. Lefever's nomination."

All eight of the Democrats and two of the nine Republicans on the Foreign Relations Committee have indicated they oppose Lefever's confirmation. However, the full Senate can revive the nomination on the

U.S. policy to guarantee minorities' civil rights

WASHINGTON, May 23 (R) — The U.S. government has signaled a change in policies guaranteeing black civil rights. Attorney General William French Smith said the Justice Department would shift emphasis away from strict racial hiring quotas and mandatory busing of schoolchildren. He said the measures had sometimes been counterproductive.

Smith told the American Law Institute in Philadelphia that the department would recommend "innovative and practical methods" to assure equal rights for blacks and other minorities but did not disclose them. He attacked what he called past over-reliance on court-ordered busing of schoolchildren and on forcing businesses with federal contracts to use racial quotas in hiring.

In a number of U.S. cities, young blacks

and whites are currently transported by buses to schools away from their neighborhoods in order to achieve racial balance in classrooms. Schoolboards and many parents have complained vigorously about the costs and logistics involved.

"Mandatory busing is not an effective educational remedy," Smith declared Friday. "And in many cases it has also proven counterproductive. The Department of Justice will hence forward propose remedies that have the best chance of both improving the quality of education in the schools and promoting desegregation," he said.

Mandatory racial quotas in employment, he said, have placed "inflexible restraints on the opportunities afforded to the race in an effort to remedy past discrimination against another."

Smith said the Justice Department will vigorously enforce the country's civil rights laws. But he added: "I believe the time has come in America when more can be accomplished by emphasizing the aspirations most Americans have, irrespective of race: a high quality of education for their children and the opportunity to make most their individual abilities."

N-reactor leak hits 3 Japanese

YOKO, May 23 (AFP) — Coolant water leaked from a reactor at a nuclear power plant in western Japan Friday night, exposing three workers to a minimal level of radiation and letting a small amount of radioactive gas outside, it was reported Saturday.

The workers were exposed to 10 millirems of radioactivity and the gas leakage registered about one curie, according to officials at the plant of Kansai Electric Company at Mihami, a coastal town by the sea of Japan. In a report to the Natural Resources and Energy Agency.

Berlin government formation

Party defies Genscher

WEST BERLIN, May 23 (R) — West Berlin's four-month-old political crisis deepened Saturday after an acrimonious meeting of the liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) voted against helping the opposition conservatives form a working government.

The special Congress of the FDP Friday opened up deep splits in the Berlin wing of the party and put it at odds with the national leadership under West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The opposition Christian Democrats (CDU) emerged as the strongest party after premature elections on May 1 but were left two seats short of an overall majority in the city parliament.

After the Berlin FDP executive rejected

CDU appeals to form a coalition, Genscher

said he would call for new elections.

His chances of success now hinge on the behavior of the seven FDP deputies in the 132-seat parliament, six of whom belong to the party's right-wing and favored a coalition.

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urged the special congress to vote in favor of allowing the CDU to form a minority government. Friday night's congress threw out this proposal by 134 to 93 votes. Three members of the 11-man executive immediately resigned, calling the decision a "mockery of democracy."

CDU leader Richard von Weizsaecker announced Saturday he would go ahead with an attempt to form a minority government and said that if it failed he would call for new elections.

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